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## HITLER HORDES ON SOVIET FRONTIER Over 2,000,000 Men Ready To Move If-- SECRET MOVES IN RUMANIA

RUMOURS OF A COMING GERMAN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET ARE THE SOLE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN RUMANIA AND HUNGARY, ACCORDING TO ARRIVALS IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.

It appears Germany has 120 divisions on the Russian frontier, of which 20 to 30 are in the Rumanian province of Moldavia, where large German cavalry concentrations are also reported, while at Galatz six U-boats are being completed and many metal pontoons shipped for an unknown destination.

General mobilisation is going on in Rumania and precautionary measures against bombing have been taken in Bucharest and Constanza.

Foreigners in Rumania are being forced to travel by air in order that they do not see troop movements.

It appears that every Rumanian believes an attack on Russia for the recovery of Bessarabia is imminent.

RUMANIANS IN ISTANBUL ARE NOW BETTING FIVE TO ONE ON A GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA WITHIN A MONTH.

### Rumour Campaign

Well-informed circles believe the object of the rumour campaign is to encourage the Rumanians to lessen their dislike of the German occupation, a dislike which is reported to be very strong.

Typical of Rumanian misery is a report that the harvest this year is very bad, as the Russians ate the seeds which the Germans supplied for planting.

That Russia is taking the threats seriously is shown by reports that there are at present 140 to 145 divisions on the western front, including 55 in the Ukraine and Bessarabia.—Reuter.

### Demands Presented

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

COINCIDENT WITH RUMOURS IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, WILL NOT RETURN TO HIS POST, CAME REPORTS THAT, IN SPITE OF MOSCOW'S DENIAL, NAZI DEMANDS, SUCH AS DEMANDS HAVE IN FACT BEEN PRESENTED.

It was added that Stalin will probably accept any Hitler demands in order to give himself a further breathing space to perfect the Russian military machine.—International News Service.

### Finnish Admission

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The presence in Finland of a considerable number of German troops was tacitly admitted in Helsinki yesterday when the Minister of the Interior held an "off the record" press conference with the object of placing a curb on some of the rumours in circulation.

It is officially admitted that the German "concentration" goes outside the scope of the transit agreement.—International News Service.

### Berlin Silent

An American radio commentator in Berlin yesterday quoted a Wilhelmstrasse official on the Soviet statement regarding Russo-German relations.

The official merely said "There is no reason to discuss eastern European affairs at the present time."

### Soviet Response

Reports from Ankara state there are 120 German divisions in countries near the Soviet frontiers, of which 30 to 40 are in the Rumanian province of Moldavia.

General mobilisation is continuing throughout Rumania. It is also reported that the Red Army

## WRITING ON THE WALL FOR RUSSIA

"THE LIFE OF THE RUSSIAN NATION IS AT STAKE," SAYS THE LONDON "DAILY TELEGRAPH" IN A LEADER ON RUSSO-GERMAN RELATIONS, ADDING THAT SIGNS MULTIPLY THAT HITLER IS NO LONGER SATISFIED WITH THE RUSSO-GERMAN PACT AND INTENDS TO REQUIRE FROM STALIN MUCH GREATER SUBORDINATION BY RUSSIA TO GERMANY.

A considerable Nazi force, with tanks, is reported by Moscow to be in Finland, while no small part of the Luftwaffe is ready to deliver blows to the east.

For some time Berlin has been allowing statements of an impending attack on Russia to leak out, with special mention of the Ukraine as objective.

ALL THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT PROVE AN ATTACK IS IMMINENT.

Hitler's practice is to avoid fighting if he can obtain all he wants by threats, but Russia must be well aware that such a concentration of Nazi forces is designed to extract concessions. Germany needs all the wheat and oil she can get but Hitler does not only want economic but also political and military subordination by Russia.

### Grand Plan

For the grand attack on Suez to which he has committed himself he requires a way opened through Turkey to Syria.

We must be prepared for demands that Russia should assist the seizure of Nazi troops by providing transport bases and supplies and should put pressure on the Turkish Government. RUSSIA WOULD GRACIOUSLY BE GRANTED A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN ASIA AND THE RIGHT TO ATTACK INDIA. SHE MIGHT ALSO HAVE A PORT IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND SOME SHARE OF IRAN.

Stalin, faced by the Nazi armoured divisions and shadowed by the Luftwaffe, may find it difficult to bargain. He may come to the conclusion that he must fight or yield everything to Nazism.—Reuter.

### ELEVEN PAY

It is now known that 11 Nazi planes were downed in Thursday's raid on Malta. Three R.A.F. fighters were lost but the pilots of two are safe.—Reuter.



The scheme at a recent Divisional exercise in the Western Command, witnessed by War Correspondents, was that parachute troops had landed and occupied an important town. Divisional troops had orders to dislodge them, but the parachute troops, anticipating this, came out to meet them and held positions round the town. Photo shows Bren gunners in a village street.—(Copyright, Fox.)

## SEVEN NAZI RAIDERS SHOT DOWN IN NIGHT

Seven Nazi raiders were brought down over Britain on Friday night though the raids nowhere were heavy.

An Air Ministry communique says the main raids were in south, south-east and east England.

No substantial damage was done and there were not many casualties, though in the south-east area the attack is described as sustained.—Reuter.

## CAT OUT OF BAG Or Just One More Trick?

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Some speculation has been caused in London regarding another warning to Britain issued by Dr. Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry that "you can expect an invasion to begin immediately now."

UNLIKE OTHER SUCH "WARNINGS" ISSUED BY GOEBBELS, THIS LATEST THREAT CONTAINED IN ALL GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ON FRIDAY WAS QUICKLY HUSHED UP BY THE NAZI AUTHORITIES.

Every copy of every newspaper containing the Goebbels statement was confiscated.

Some circles are now wondering whether this is, in fact, going to be Hitler's next move, and whether Goebbels let the cat out of the bag.

The Goebbels article declared: "The conquest of Crete proves Germany can invade and conquer Britain. An invasion will take place immediately now."—International News Service.

## NAZIS FIND A BEACON!

ONE OF SEVEN GERMAN BOMBERS SHOT DOWN DURING FRIDAY NIGHT BURST INTO FLAMES AND FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR OTHER NAZI RAIDERS BOMBED THE BURNING WRECK.

THE GERMAN CREW OF FOUR HAD PREVIOUSLY BAILED OUT, THREE BEING CAPTURED BY THE HOME GUARD AND THE FOURTH SURRENDERING TO THE POLICE.—REUTER.

## SHIP CAUGHT IN N.E.I. WATERS

A Netherlands destroyer has intercepted a 4,000-ton Hungarian steamer in Netherlands East Indies waters, it was announced in Batavia yesterday.

The ship was trying to reach a neutral harbour with a consignment of flour owned by British firms.

### SOOTHING SYRUP

Germany is pouring forth soothing assurances to Turkey. The latest such assurance, quoted by the official news agency, says "Germany has never thought to threaten Turkish security." The basis of German policy is to avoid a conflict with Turkey.—Reuter.

## JAPAN'S ROLE IN NERVE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Japan's entire policy in the south Pacific is to inflict a "series of pinpricks" without provoking a Pacific war, says Victor Keen, "New York Times" correspondent quoting authoritative military observers in Manila.

## NAVY HUNT GOES ON

"THE OPERATIONS OF ROUNDING UP THE GERMAN SUPPLY SHIPS WHICH PUT TO SEA IN ORDER TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE BIS-MARCK AND PRINZ EUGEN CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY," AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The communique continues: "Another German supply ship has been intercepted and sunk. Thus six enemy supply ships and one armed trawler have been intercepted and sunk by our ships during these recent operations."—Reuter.

### FIGHTER DOWNED

A German fighter plane was shot down over the English Channel by British fighters yesterday morning, says Reuter from London.

## Submarines Raid Italian harbours

A SERIES OF DARING EXPLOITS BY OUR SUBMARINES, OFTEN OPERATING WITHIN FORTIFIED ENEMY HARBOURS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WAS REVEALED BY THE ADMIRALTY IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Eight enemy vessels, the communique reveals, have been sunk recently by British submarines, some at sea and some in enemy harbours.

An Italian armed trawler, escorted by two schooners, was sighted and chased by a British submarine. All three enemy vessels were sunk by gunfire.

Another British submarine torpedoed and almost certainly sank an 8,000-ton Italian tanker.

Another Italian tanker, of 5,000 tons, reached Istanbul in a seriously damaged condition.

### Harbour Invaded

A supply ship of 3,000 tons was sunk in an Italian harbour by a British submarine which daringly penetrated the harbour defences.

In Benghazi harbour, an armed merchant cruiser was sunk by a torpedo from one of our submarines.

In an Aegean harbour, two submarines sank a large supply ship and a tugboat.

Reuter.

## THREAT OF OIL EMBARGO

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

American gasoline shipments to Japan are to cease immediately, according to Senator William S. Mathers, of New Jersey.

SENATOR MATHERS MADE STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW YORK "HERALD-TRIBUNE."

He declared the action is being taken to avoid a shortage of gasoline which threatens "gasless Sundays" for the east coast of the United States.

The "Herald-Tribune" says more than 800,000 barrels of gasoline are shipped to Japan every month from the United States.—International News Service.

## FRENCH FLEET MOVE REPORT

The French Fleet has left Toulon, according to a Vichy despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

No confirmation of this message has been received from any other source but it is commented in London that if it is true, it is surprising that the German censorship should have permitted news of the departure to leak out.—Reuter.

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## U.S. ATLANTIC PATROLS MAY SHOOT ON SIGHT

Following the German defiance over the torpedoing of the American freighter Robin Moor, Washington officials believe President Roosevelt will order the United States Navy's Atlantic patrols to shoot on sight if U-boats are encountered.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. KEEPS A DATE

"Warning! At 3 o'clock to-morrow British planes will raid Beirut. General staff headquarters, oil depots and the following military objectives will be bombed. Arabs are warned that these areas should be evacuated."

This message was dropped in leaflet form by R.A.F. planes over Beirut on June 8.

PROMPTLY AT 3 O'CLOCK ON JUNE 9, BRITISH AIRCRAFT APPEARED OVER BEIRUT AND HEAVILY BOMBED THESE DISTRICTS.

As a result of the warning, it is understood, there were no civilian casualties and a radio commentator broadcasted from Ankara reports the considerable effect this unique action has had on the Arab attitude to Britain and British methods.—Reuter.

## MINE ADrift IN HARBOUR

A "live" mine floated into the Harbour yesterday afternoon from the vicinity of Green Island and, after being trailed by a motor torpedo-boat and a police launch for 40 minutes, was eventually "hooked" and towed to the beach of Stonecutters Island.

The mine was first sighted by the M.T.B. at 4.55 p.m. floating through the Sulphur Channel. A police launch, under Sergeant Stewart, was signalled to keep watch and warn shipping of the danger while the M.T.B. followed the drifting mine, eventually "hooking" it at 8.35 p.m. near No. 12 Buoy. On Stonecutters Island it was rendered ineffective.



# NIGHT HAWKS IN HIGH FEATHER

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LAST  
BLITZ

## One Pilot In Three Clashes

**A BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTER HAD A WHOLE SERIES OF DUELS WITH GERMAN RAIDERS OVER BRITAIN DURING FRIDAY NIGHT'S RAIDS.**

He had just destroyed a Heinkel III type bomber when he was subjected to a surprise attack by another German raider whose pilot saw him first by a fraction of a second.

The German fired at once but the British night fighter swung out of the line of fire. By the time he had recovered attacking position the enemy's fuselage had disappeared into the darkness below.

The night fighter continued his patrol and within a few minutes he encountered another Heinkel.

The British and German pilots opened fire simultaneously but the German missed and the British pilot scored direct hits. He saw pieces fall away from the raider which dived towards the clouds.

### And Again

Some minutes later the night fighter was again engaged in combat. This time he got within range, opened fire, and almost immediately saw the German bomber diving steeply out of control.

IT EXPLODED WITH A BIG ORANGE FLASH WHEN STILL 8,000 FEET UP.

Of seven German aircraft known to have been destroyed during the night, two were shot down by pilots who only learnt for certain of their success after they had landed because when they saw their victims going down in trouble they immediately broke off the engagements in order to chase other raiders.

The destruction of one of these victims was confirmed by the Royal Observer Corps and another by Coastguards who saw the bomber crash at the time and position reported by night fighters when they landed after the night's adventures.—Reuter.

### Another Case

In another case, coastguards on the South Coast heard the sound of firing high over their heads and a few minutes later saw a blazing German bomber plunge

into the sea. The R.A.F. pilot who shot it down reported that when he opened fire he saw bright flashes come from the enemy's fuselage. It immediately began to lose height and turned down into the darkness below.—British Wireless.

## JAPANESE VANDALISM

SHIPLOCKS AND DAMS ON THE Hwai River AND THE GRAND CANAL, CONSTRUCTED AT A COST OF OVER \$24,000, PART OF WHICH WAS BORROWED FROM THE BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY FUND, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THE JAPANESE IN NORTHERN KIANGSU.

This is according to information reaching Chungking yesterday. The destroyed works included three shiplocks at Shaopet, Hwaiyung and Lullaohien, as well as the Chungshan Canal through part of the Hwai River, and also five unfinished dams and shiplocks.

The Chinese report claims the Japanese have taken away steel gates, machines and other metal parts.—Reuter.

## N.Z. AIR HONOURS

NEW ZEALAND AIRMEN HAVE WON OVER 100 DECORATIONS IN THE PRESENT WAR, DECLARED MR. JONES, THE NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE MINISTER IN WELLINGTON YESTERDAY.

New Zealand's airmen, he said, came from farms, offices, factories and workshops. Since war began 23,000 candidates had offered themselves for overseas service with the R.A.F.—Reuter.



A picture of the scene on the Sussex-Burrey boundary where a Nazi night raider was shot down in flames recently. (Copyright, Fox.)

## NETHERLANDS MINISTER AT GAIMUSHO

General J. C. Pabst, Netherlands' Minister to Japan, called on Mr. Otsji Saito, Director of the South Seas Bureau of the Foreign Office in Tokyo yesterday morning, and conferred for an hour. Subject of the conversations is not revealed.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS

Australia's progress in making all kinds of war material was described in New Delhi yesterday by Sir Bertram Stevens, Australian representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council.

Australian representation on the Council, he said, was evidence not of a desire for commercial gain but a wish to help India and the other countries concerned in the war.—Reuter.

# DAMASCUS SURRENDER STORY PERSISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**SURRENDER OF DAMASCUS TO THE BRITISH FORCES WITHOUT FIGHTING CONTINUES TO BE REPORTED AS IMMINENT, DESPITE LACK OF OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION IN LONDON, CAIRO OR JERUSALEM.**

Cairo declines to confirm the reports that Damascus is surrounded by Allied troops, though Arab reports state that negotiations between delegates of General Dentz and General Sir Maitland Wilson have reached an advanced stage and that Damascus is to be declared an open city.

Meanwhile, there are hints of possible development of violent Anglo-German aerial combats in the Syrian battle zone. Several dogfights between British and German planes have already

taken place along the Syrian coast. MORE GERMAN PLANES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT ALEPPO FOR RIODES WITH GERMANS ABOARD AFTER THE AERODROME THERE HAD AGAIN BEEN HEAVILY ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

### Opposition Near Sidon

IN SYRIA, VICHY TROOPS HAVE EVACUATED KISWE AND ARE NOW HOLDING A POSITION ACROSS THE ROAD A FEW MILES NEARER DAMASCUS.

This was stated authoritatively in London yesterday morning.

In the central sector of Syria, British troops now hold Nabatieh and closely supported by the R.A.F. are in touch with Vichy transport north of Merj Ayoun.

Near to the coast the British have encountered some opposition near Sidon.

### Kiswe Evacuated

The Vichy troops have evacuated Kiswe, 15 miles south of Damascus, and have taken up new positions across the road nearer the city.

The Allies have taken Merj Ayoun, in which district there have been no signs of hostility to the advance with the exception of blown up bridges. The local inhabitants seem genuinely pleased.

Reports that Damascus is now surrounded are not officially confirmed in London, though an American radio commentator says the evacuation of the Syrian capital has already begun.—Reuter.

### Vichy Communiqué

"Sidon is more and more threatened by the Australian attack," said a communiqué cited by the Vichy news agency yesterday.

These attacks, adds the communiqué, "have been carried out without interruption with the support of tanks and a continuous bombardment by the British Fleet."

"The Australians succeeded yesterday in penetrating into the outskirts of the town but by a vigorous counter-attack the defenders drove them out." Referring to the position at Damascus, the communiqué says the Free French troops, "having

# 'LEGION OF LOST' TURN UP

Diplomats Reach Home from Belgrade

## Vivid Picture Of Journey On Riviera

(By Reuter's Former Correspondent in Belgrade)

**I HAVE JUST COMPLETED A JOURNEY THROUGH THE FRENCH RIVIERA, THE 100 MILES STRETCH OF COAST KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD AS THE ONCE GLITTERING PLAYGROUND OF THE RICH OF ALL NATIONS.**

Travelling through this region with British diplomats evacuated from Belgrade after many adventures in Italian territory, I found it almost entirely deserted.

In Nice, despite perfect weather, there were only two strollers on the famous Promenade des Anglais, which in time of peace would have been thronged with pleasure-seekers at this time of year.

For mile after mile I saw not a single automobile. Famous hotels were shuttered and deserted and half the shops appeared to be shut all morning.

The countryside was equally deserted. Not a single animal was seen between Mentone and Marseilles, where the well-known Camargue pastures were without their famous herds of semi-wild horses and bulls. Railway stations presented the same dead appearance.

### Marseilles Feeling

Our British party did not go through Marseilles and there was some speculation about the reason. Later it was learnt that many thousands of Marseillais demonstrated in favour of the Allies on the occasion of the Yugoslav coup d'état.

Even our fleeting visit to unoccupied France provided evidence of food shortages. There was no sugar, no tea, no coffee, no Bordeaux wines—all the latter had been exported—only one helping of meat weekly, tobacco almost unobtainable, minimum rations of fats and cheese, bread of a low quality and scarce.

### Bled White

There is no doubt that even this rich and fertile part of France has been bleached white. The British mission reached the Spanish frontier on the evening of the 12th and were met by British officials and then proceeded to Madrid.

The British party, comprising 111 persons headed by the Minister in Belgrade, Ronald Campbell, arrived in Madrid on Friday evening, having been eight weeks in the hands of the Italians.

Including British refugees from all parts of Yugoslavia, the groups assembled on the Dalmatian coast on April 16 after the Germans had cut all chance of escape into Greece.

### Dive-Bombed

In their flight across Yugoslavia the Britons were subjected to frequent bombing and machine-gun attacks.

The temporary quarters of the British Legation and the Yugoslav Foreign Office outside Sarajevo, of 1914 fame, were dive-bombed from a height of 100 feet.

A British destroyer which was expected to take off the party was unable to make rendezvous before the entry of the Italians and the Britons were formally arrested on April 18.

On April 24 the entire mission was transported by omnibus to

apparently abandoned their attempt to take the Kiswe position" are trying to outflank the French line of resistance to the east.

### The Labyrinth

"It appears also that the hostile forces show a certain reluctance to penetrate the complicated labyrinth of orchards in the Gata Oasis, of which the Syrian capital occupies the central part."

This part of the communiqué was apparently prepared before the Vichy forces evacuated Kiswe, as announced in London yesterday afternoon.

### Further Penetration

It was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that the Allied forces in Syria have increased the area of their penetration after further successful operations on Friday.

Reuter's correspondent in Jerusalem says our troops have been held up by demolitions but these have now been overcome successfully by the Royal Engineers.—Reuter.

Durazzo, whence they were flown in bombers to Italy.

### Italians Friendly

We spent six weeks in Italy, staying in three hotels in Ciano, a spa near Siena, where we were well treated, and the attitude of the inhabitants was consistently friendly despite reports in the Italian press of "British brutalities" in Crete and Africa.

Eventually, after protracted negotiations by the United States Embassy, the party left Ciano on the evening of June 11, arriving at the French frontier early next day.

There we were met by a representative of the United States Embassy at Vichy and continued the journey across France, being unguarded for the first time in two months.—Reuter.

## TRAFFIC MISHAPS

THE POLICE WERE LAST NIGHT STILL TRYING TO LOCATE A HIT-AND-RUN MOTOR-CYCLIST, WHO WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE KNOCKED DOWN AND INJURED LAU YUK SAI, 45, IN CHATHAM ROAD, NEAR WUHU STREET, ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Attempting to cross the junction of Nathan Road and Argyle Street at 4 p.m. on Friday, a 15-year-old Chinese girl was knocked down by bus No. 600 and received injuries to the head and right thigh. The girl was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

A head-on collision between a bus and a private car in Castle Peak Road on Friday afternoon was reported to the police by the bus driver, Ho Kam-leung, who stated that he collided with private car No. 544 near the nine-mile stone. Both vehicles were slightly damaged.

## MISSION RETURNS TO CHUNGKING

THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION WHICH VISITED INDIA, SINGAPORE AND BURMA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL CHANG CHEN HAS ALREADY LEFT KUNMING BY MOTOR EN ROUTE FOR CHUNGKING AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT THE CAPITAL WITHIN A WEEK.

Information reaching British sources in Chungking indicates the Chinese mission created a very favourable impression in the countries visited, especially Burma. The new Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, who is returning to Chungking from London via Singapore and Rangoon, is expected to arrive in Chungking by air from Rangoon on June 21.—Reuter.

## STOLE GATES OF PILLBOXES

When two Chinese were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with stealing iron gates from pill-boxes at Shatin Gap, it was stated that the military authorities had expressed a wish that a very serious view be taken of the case.

L. C. Woodcock, R.E., representative of the Army.

The accused, who stole five gates, were each sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

## ELEVEN NANKING NEWSPAPERMEN ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Eleven Nanking newsmen, including two editors, have been arrested by Nanking secret servicemen for allegedly plotting the murder of Ting Mouting, Nanking Minister for Social Welfare and formerly head of Nanking's notorious establishment at 76 Jessfield Road in Shanghai.—International News Service.

## CHINA COAST BLOCKADE EXTENDED

Announcement of a further extension of the Japanese Navy's "blockade" of the China coast was made yesterday in the name of Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet, by the Japanese consul-general in Shanghai.

The blockade affects waters extending for a distance of 180 kilometres north and south of Swatow, Kwangtung province, including the bays of Hainan, Hopen, Chelin, Chaonan, Tongxing and Hutun and will become effective at midnight to-morrow (Monday).

THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED IT WILL PREVENT THE PASSAGE THROUGH THE BLOCKADE AREAS OF FOREIGN VESSELS PASSING TO AND FROM HONG KONG AND OTHER COASTAL PORTS NORTHWARD.—REUTER.

## WAVES OF RAIDERS AT CHUNGKING

An area near the West Gate of Chungking was subjected to heavy bombing yesterday afternoon when Japanese aircraft in three waves raided Szechuen.

The alarm went at 12.30 p.m. when the first wave of Japanese aircraft entered Szechuen, proceeding north-westward in the direction of Kwangyuan.

Nearly one and a half hours after the urgent alarm sounded in Chungking, a second wave of Japanese bombers entered Chungking from the north via Hoshuan, along the Chialing River.

The raiders laid a line of bombs from the Yangtze River front over the hill, where the Soviet Embassy is located, towards Tung Yuan Men (West Gate), where the British Embassy is located.

While a third wave of Japanese bombers passed Fuling on the Yangtze, immediately below Chungking, they did not appear over the city, and the all clear sounded at 4 p.m.

### Bombs Scattered

Detailed reports of the raid show the Japanese aircraft scattered bombs over wide areas in down-town districts instead of concentrating on bombing a particular section.

Some bombs landed near the West Gate and some dropped on the down-town business section, while others dropped further east near the Yangtze River front.

No fires were started and little property damage was caused.—Reuter.

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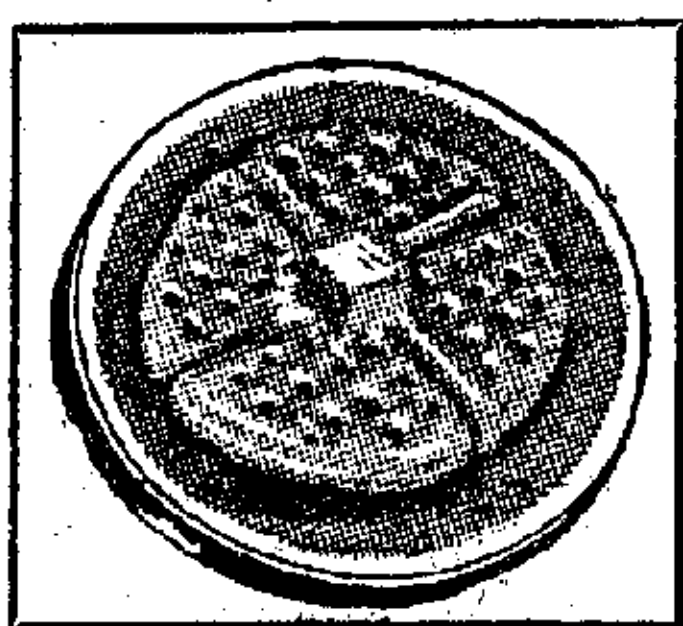
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# Wang Ching-wei Making Surprise Journey To Japan

## ENDEAVOUR TO BOLSTER SUPPORT

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

WANG CHING-WEI LEFT SHANGHAI FOR TOKYO YESTERDAY ACCOMPANIED BY CHOU FU-HAI, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE NANKING EXECUTIVE YUAN, AND IN PO-SHENG, MINISTER OF PUBLICITY.

The Japanese announce that Wang will confer with the Premier, Prince Konoye, and will be the guest of Their Majesties at the Imperial Palace.

The visit is alleged to have been long sought by Wang in order to bolster support of his regime.



An official photograph of the British raid on the Lofoten islands, when oil plants were put out of action, oil stocks burned, prisoners taken and large parties of Norwegian volunteers brought back to serve in the Allied Forces. Scene on the quayside showing some of the oil wells on fire after being detonated.—(Copyright, Fox.)

## Robin Moor Sequel

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The Robin Moor sinking has been followed by a series of indignation meetings all over the United States by anti-Hitler and pro-British bodies.

Isolationists have taken this as a signal to hold opposition meetings.

Commenting on the Robin Moor, Senator Brewster told the press in Washington: "The United States course will probably be determined by the attitude Germany takes in explaining the affair."—International News Service.

## TWINS FOR WOMAN SCULLER

TWINS, A SON AND DAUGHTER, HAVE BEEN BORN TO MRS. PHYLLIS PLUMTREE, MEMBER OF THE BRITISH WOMEN'S SCULLING CREW AT THE AUSTRALIAN CENTENARY REGATTA IN 1934.

She is herself one of twins, a daughter of John Henry Taylor, the famous golf professional who won the British Open Championship five times.

Before the war Mrs. Plumtree also sculled in France and Belgium.—Reuters.

Wang slipped into Shanghai on Friday in the deepest secrecy and nothing was known of his movements till his departure.

HE LEFT ON THE "YAWATA MARU," WHICH CANCELLED THE BOOKINGS OF ALL OTHER PASSENGERS AND CARRIED ONLY WANG AND HIS RETINUE.

It is rumoured, meanwhile, that Chen Kung-pao, Mayor of Shanghai and head of the Legislative Yuan may soon leave for Hong Kong to discuss peace with Chinese representatives.—International News Service.

### Guest Of Emperor

Reuters quotes a special Japanese communiqué as saying Wang will confer with the Premier, Prince Konoye, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, and the War, Navy and Finance Ministers.

He will be the guest of the Emperor and Empress at the Imperial Palace from the afternoon of June 17 to the following afternoon. During the rest of his sojourn in Tokyo, Wang will reside at the Chinese Embassy.

### Ways And Means

In a brief statement emphasizing the importance of Wang Ching-wei's impending visit, the Japanese Cabinet Board of Information stressed the visit is being made for the purpose of discussing ways and means of strengthening the cooperation between the Japanese Government and the Nanking administration.

Meanwhile elaborate preparations are being made to welcome Wang. All the Tokyo newspapers yesterday gave much space to his coming visit and revealed the welcome to be given him will be one of the greatest in Japan's history.

Numerous receptions are being planned in his honour.

The Japan Broadcasting Corporation has announced that Wang will address the Japanese nation in a broadcast on the night of June 22, when Prince Konoye and Mr. Matsuoka are also expected to speak.—Reuters.

## NEW TYPE OF CRAFT FOR NAVY

Mr. Howe, Canadian Munitions Minister, declared yesterday that Canada is now building long-range naval vessels. In size, he said, they were something between a cruiser and a destroyer.—Reuters.

## ATTACK ON ENEMY CONVOY

An R.A.F. communiqué in Cairo discloses an aerial attack on an enemy convoy in the eastern Mediterranean in the course of which a 7,000-ton vessel was repeatedly hit and is believed to have been a total loss.

At Benghazi, several direct hits were scored on ships in the harbour and one was left blazing from stem to stern.

Fires were started when the aerodrome at Gazala was bombed. At Assab, in Eritrea, the aerodrome has been secured and our embarkation completed.—Reuters.

## EUROPEAN OFFICERS STABBED AT STANLEY GAOL

TWOCASES OF STABBING, in which the victims were European officers, in the Hong Kong Prison, Stanley, during the week, have just come to light.

It was learned from an authoritative source yesterday that while the Acting Superintendent, Mr. H. Barrett, was doing a "tour of inspection" in the Prison a few days ago, a life sentence prisoner, who had managed to conceal a piece of sharpened steel, shaped like a crudely-made knife, attacked Mr. Barrett.

Mr. W. J. Bagley, the well-known local gun bowler, who was a few paces away from Mr. Barrett at the time, intervened and received the full force of the blow on his arm and had to be treated by the medical officer in the Prison.

The second case occurred on Friday, the victim this time being Mr. V. K. Freeman, hospital attendant at the Prison, and another well-known figure in local tennis and bowls circles.

Mr. Freeman had just taken a sick prisoner's temperature, who was turned round to write out his report when the man jumped on him and stabbed him in the shoulder with a home-made knife which the prisoner managed to conceal.

In reply to an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding these two breaches of discipline, Major Wilcocks, Commissioner of Prisons, said he could make no statement pending an enquiry into the cases.

## Calling Up Women

Women of Allied nationalities resident in Britain must now join British women at registration booths for national service, according to an order issued by the Ministry of Labour and National Service yesterday.

The order provides that all women between the ages of 18 and 50 of Belgian, Czechoslovak, French, Netherlands, Norwegian and Polish nationalities must register.

Penalty for non-compliance is a maximum of three months imprisonment or a fine of £100 or both.—Reuters.

## AMAH'S THEFT FROM MISTRESS

A 20-year-old amah, Lai Ngan, was remanded until to-morrow by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, on a charge of larceny of a gold wrist watch, valued at \$200, from her mistress.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison told the Court that complainant Miss Lai Ming, of No. 8, Fung Wong Terrace, reported the loss of the watch from her bedroom on Friday afternoon. The Police made enquiries and later found the watch in accused's private address in Wanchai Road.

## NEW CHIEF OF R.A.F. UNIT

The new Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Command, Sir Philip Joubert, who took charge yesterday of aerial operations in the Battle of the Atlantic, has been promoted to the rank of Temporary Air Chief Marshal, says an official announcement.—Reuters.

## MASTERS OF FABLE PILLORIED

Japanese press correspondents in Bangkok were pilloried by the Thai dailies "Sieng Thai" and "Thai Mai" yesterday.

The Thai papers commented on the sensational Japanese newspaper report of a plot to assassinate the Thai Premier, sarcastically conceding that perhaps Japanese newsmen in Bangkok know better than the Thai Government and are smarter than all 20 Bangkok newspapers in ferreting out news of the arrest of the so-called plotters.

The "Sieng Thai" warns Thailand that 90 per cent. of Japanese stories regarding Thailand may turn out to be inventions, like the recent Japanese report of an impending reshuffle of the Thai Cabinet, and the resignation of the Foreign Minister, Luang Pradit Manulharn.—Reuters.

## IRAQ ASSURED

The Iraqi Foreign Office announced it has received a message from Mr. Anthony Eden assuring Iraq that Britain will respect her independence.—Reuters.

## HARBOUR STRIKE SETTLED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") Not a single Chinese paint-scraper was to be found at work on Thursday and Friday, it was revealed to the "Sunday Herald" last night.

The paint-scrapers, some 2,000, employed in dockyards and elsewhere about the harbour, went on strike on Thursday morning, demanding an increase of 40 per cent. in wages from the contractors by whom they are employed.

The contractors explained that nothing could be done until they had consulted dockyard management and ship owners for an increase in contracting charges, but on Thursday morning the men deserted all ships on which they were working and refused to return unless a satisfactory reply was given.

Late on Friday afternoon, an agreement was reached, the contractors consenting to a 20 per cent. increase in wages, in addition to whatever increase is made in contract charges by dockyards and owners.

## Return Of A Prince

Prince George of Yugoslavia has returned to Belgrade after an absence of 18 years.

The elder brother of King Alexander, who was assassinated at Marseilles on October 19, 1934, Prince George has been under medical care at Nish since 1923. He renounced his rights of succession to the throne some years previously.—Reuters.

## NANTAO COURT OFFICIALS CHARGED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

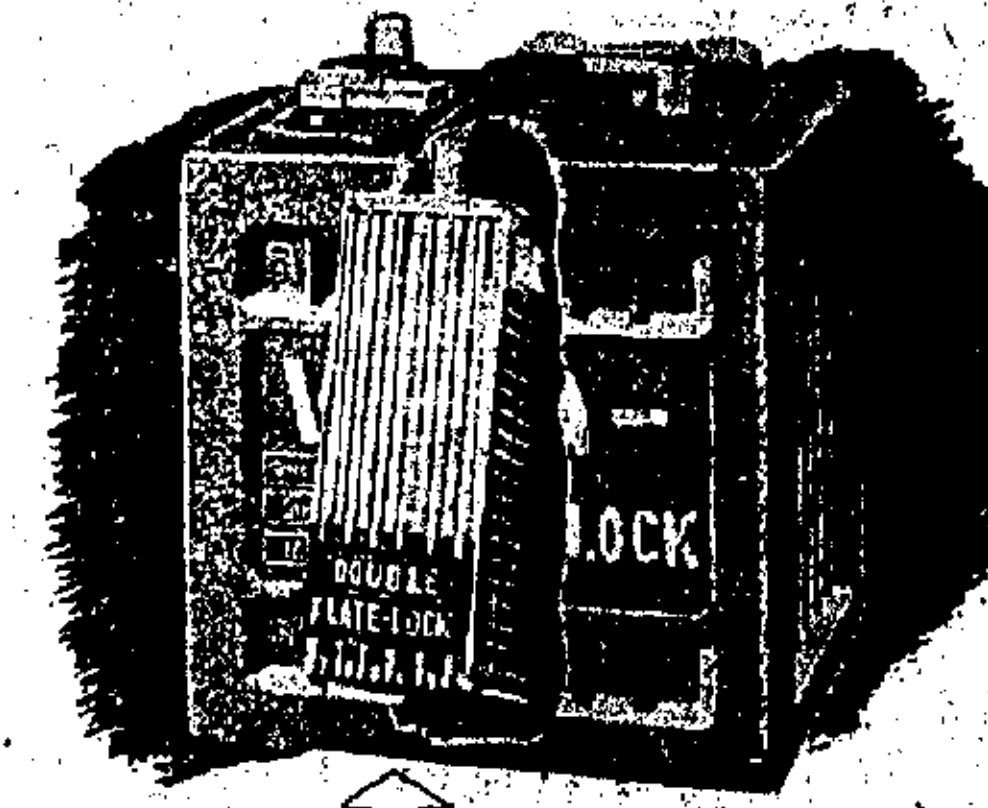
Five senior officers of the Nanking-sponsored Nantao Court in Shanghai were under detention yesterday charged with the theft of \$50,000 from the confiscated goods department of the Court.

The District Court was raided on Thursday morning by four robbers allegedly directed by the officials.—International News Service.

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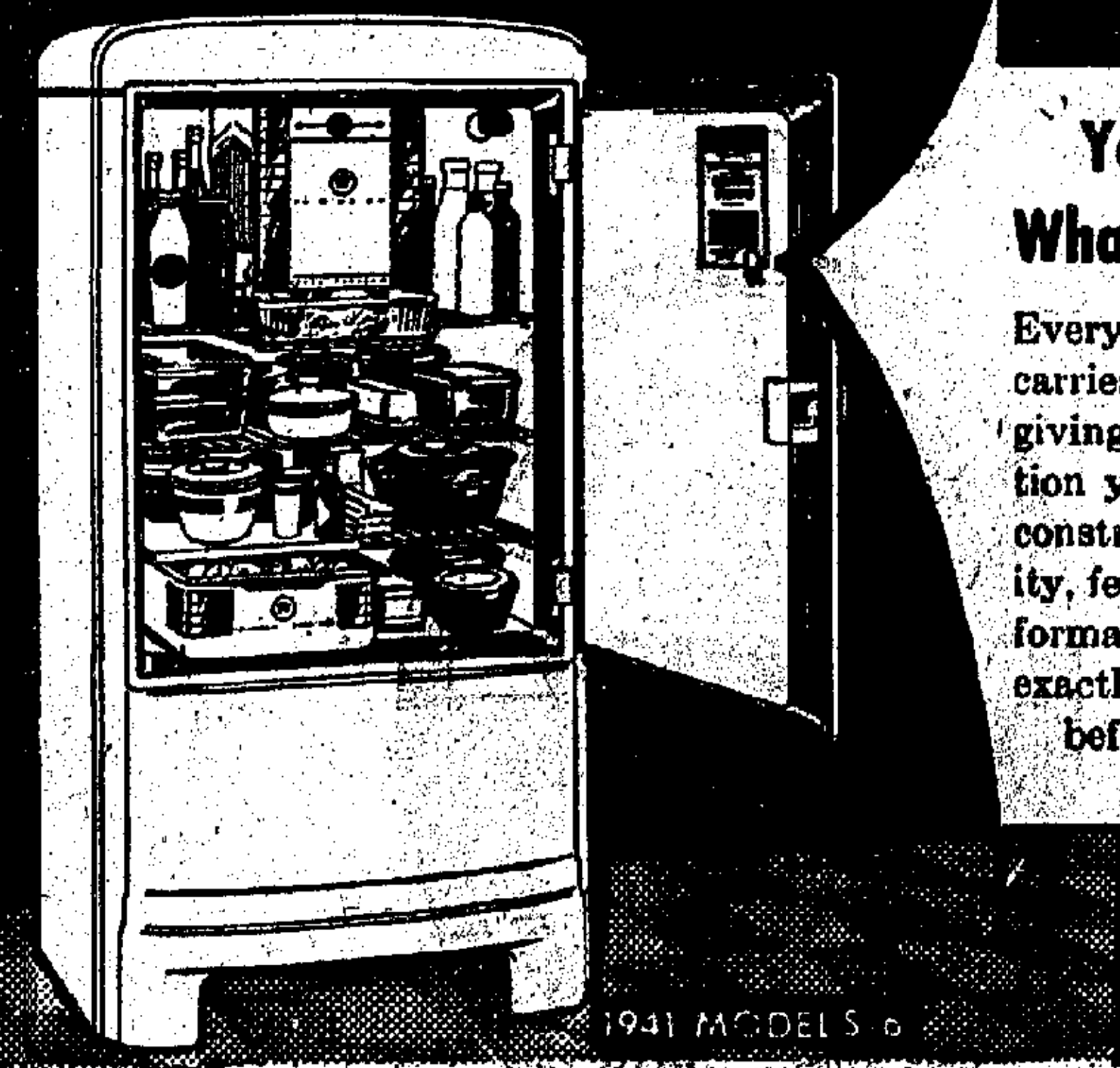
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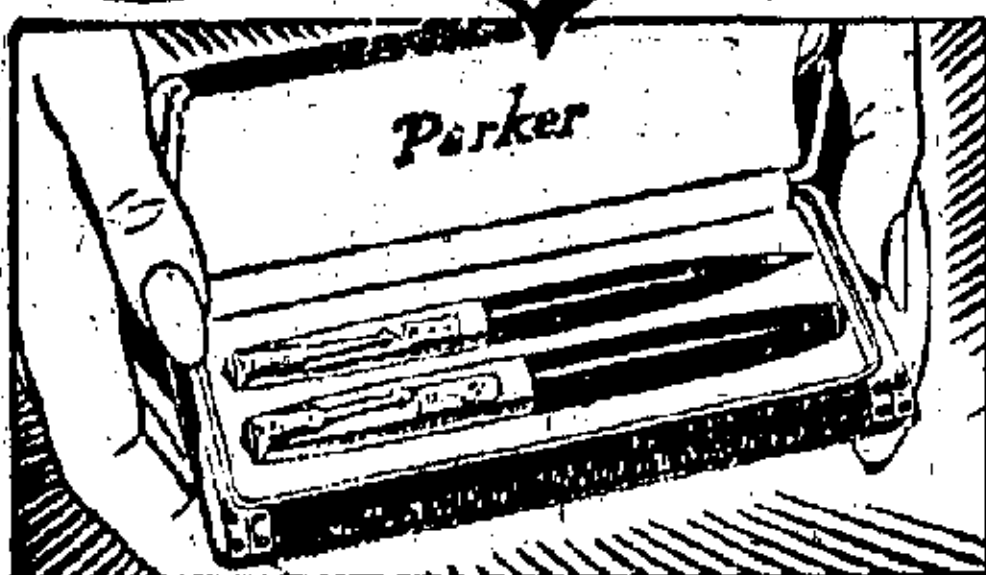
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# COLONY'S A.R.P. DESPATCH CORPS

## Six Hundred On Parade At First Official Inspection

### CATHOLIC BISHOP OF FOOCHOW PASSES

Bishop Francisco Aguirre, of the Spanish Dominican Mission, Vicar Apostolic of the Vicariate of Foochow, died in that city on Thursday evening after a long illness.

The Bishop, who was 78 years of age, arrived in Foochow 54 years ago—in 1877. —Reuter.

### Tse Fa Stamped Out

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")  
The Chinese "Tse Fa" game has been practically wiped out it was stated by a high police official last night.

The syndicates previously conducting agencies throughout the Colony are said now to be on the verge of extinction. The few raids carried out recently have been isolated instances where agents were carrying on independently. The wiping out of this particular game of chance is credited to a 10-months' campaign by the Police.

Ten months ago, some \$40,000 was changing hands daily in operations of these gambling establishments.

### H.E. TO STAY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Capt. H. S. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., yesterday morning stated that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has decided to remain at Government House as long as sufficient accommodation is available, rather than move to Admiralty House if this can be avoided.

## Only Up To One-Third Of Strength

SOME 600 MEMBERS of the Air Raid Precautions Despatch Corps, including about 350 regular members of the Boys Scouts Association, paraded at St. John's Place, Garden Road, for an official inspection yesterday by the Deputy Director of A.R.P., Mr. B. H. Puckle, D.S.O., Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., being indisposed. Mr. Puckle, accompanied by Mr. M. L. Beavan, A.R.P. Training Officer, was met by Mr. F. H. Chan, Acting Head Communications Warden, A.R.P. Despatch Corps, and Major C. Champkin, Assistant Scout Commissioner.

At the conclusion of the inspection, Mr. Chan, Mr. Puckle and Major Champkin addressed the parade after which there was a tug-of-war between teams representing Hong Kong and Kowloon, the winning team being presented with the inter-divisional Challenge Cup donated by the Director of A.R.P.

### Fine Material

In his speech Mr. Puckle said: "It is a great honour to be privileged to inspect the A.R.P. Despatch Corps on the occasion of their first appearance in public, but I regret the circumstances that have brought this about. The Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, is not allowed by his doctor to attend and he has asked me to say how disappointed he is, and how much he had been looking forward to this occasion."

"I am pleased that I shall be able to give him such a favourable report of your appearance on parade, and of the fine material with which he has to work."

"I congratulate all ranks on this display of service to the public, but it is a fact that your numbers are less than one-third of the number we require to bring the Despatch Corps up to strength. It is satisfactory, however, to know that many more volunteers have come forward recently and are already undergoing training. May I appeal to every one of you to help in increasing your numbers by persuading your friends to join. It is a matter of simple arithmetic that if each of you brings in two new recruits tomorrow the Corps will be up to strength."

"You are all young, but your work will be extremely important, and it is the intention to start regular exercises in the near future. I feel I can rely upon you to put out for these exercises as that is the only way in which you can really prepare yourselves for the work you will have to do, and get a thorough knowledge of the Districts in which you will operate."

### Scout Traditions

"The Director has asked me to say that he has recently read the Chief Scout's annual report and that he was very much impressed by the gallantry shown by scouts of all nations since war was let loose upon the world. We all hope that war will not touch this Colony, but if it does, he has every confidence that you will worthily uphold the traditions of the Boy Scout movement, of which some of you are members, and to which the rest of you are so closely attached."

"You will be pleased, I know, to hear that the issue of uniforms is now approved and I have no doubt that on the occasion of the next inspection you will have every reason to be proud of your appearance."

"Finally, I wish to congratulate those members of the Despatch Corps who are shortly to be appointed Acting Senior Communication Wardens. Their names will be read to you by Acting Head Communications Warden Chan in his translation of my speech, and I feel sure they will prove themselves worthy of the trust imposed in them."

The following members of the Despatch Corps have been promoted to be Acting Senior Communication Wardens:—  
Hong Kong—Ip Man-kui, Cheung Kwok-tung, Andrew Cheung, Khan Shau-shun, Lee Kwan-biu, Ng Yan-ying, Tsang Po-long, Chan But-yue, Man Ka-yau and Chan Chun-ying.

Kowloon—Lionel J. Vae, Tsang Kwok-ho, Leung Po-man, Chan Wa-kiu, Arthur Cheung, Chan Hon-cheung, Law Chun-sing, Marcus Ng and George N. Wong Pak-fai."

### No Fuss

Major Champkin said: "I am sure you will wish me to thank the Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions for his complimentary remarks and to assure him on your behalf that as good Scouts we are merely cheerfully and willingly doing our best. We Scouts don't make a fuss of doing a job of work. When General Norton left the Colony a few months ago he asked me to tell you that if a state of emergency arose in Hong Kong, the Boy Scouts would have very important work to do and he was sure they

would do it well. I know of no more important work than that you are doing now as members of the Despatch Corps of the A.R.P. and I know also how greatly that work is appreciated by my friend, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins and his hard-working colleagues. They may be assured that the Scouts will not let them down if the need arises."

"I have to thank several generous donors for their kindly gifts. First, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins himself for the Challenge Cup that has just been presented. Then there is Mr. Chan Fook-hong, District Commissioner for Kowloon—a veritable tower of strength in Scouting and the Head of your Despatch Corps—who has presented medals to the individual members of the winning team, Mr. Ko Fook-sun, whom I am glad to welcome as a member of our Scout Council, and others who have kindly provided the tea that I am sure you are anxiously awaiting to tackle."

"I have never yet attended a Scout function that did not end with three cheers, so I will now call on you to cheer as loudly as you can for Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, Mr. Puckle and the A.R.P. Despatch Corps."

## PETROL JUNK CHARGES

Pleading not guilty through their solicitor, Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, to a charge of attempting to export petrol without a permit from the Controller of Trade on Friday, the masters of four trading junks were remanded for three days on \$250 bail each by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused, Chan Tai, 36, of junk No. T4116H; Ho Kwei, 38, of junk No. T5581H; Kwok Tai, 60, of junk No. T4564H; and Kwok Yu-kun, 25, of junk No. T2991H, were alleged to have attempted to export 2,000 tins, 2,000 tins, 1,900 tins and 3,000 tins of petrol, respectively.

The junks were stopped by Sergeant Meyer at Tin Hau Wan on Wednesday afternoon.

### THEFT OF ARMY PROPERTY

For stealing 20 spiral pickets from Shatin Gap on Tuesday, Lee Sang and So Loi were sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon yesterday.

The pickets, valued at \$480, belonged to the military authorities, and were stored there for emergency use.



On behalf of the Director of A.R.P., Mr. B. H. Puckle, inspected members of the Air Raid Precautions Despatch Corps yesterday afternoon. Photo shows part of the Parade with Mr. Puckle, accompanied by Mr. F. H. Chan, in the foreground.

## STRIKE AT STEAM LAUNDRY

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")  
Some five hundred laundry workers, employed by the Steam Laundry Company, struck work at Homuntin on Friday afternoon, it was learned last night.

The workers, however, after negotiations between their representatives and officials of the company, returned yesterday morning.

Some weeks ago, the men requested an increase of wages and the privilege of washing their personal clothing, using the company's materials. This was granted.

On Friday morning, the management discovered that some of the workers had brought in bed-linen and other household materials, and it was pointed out that the agreement only allowed of personal clothing to be washed, at the company's expense.

The laundrymen disagreed with the interpretation and stopped work pending settlement of the dispute.

With the assistance of the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, a settlement was reached.

## BROKERS ACCUSED

Three aged Chinese brokers were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistrate's yesterday morning, with stealing \$1,570 from Lai Wah, by means of a trick.

The accused, Ip Nai-fong, 65, Ip Chi, 64, and Pau Hin, 60, were alleged to have carried out the trick at the Golden City Restaurant on June 11.

Accused pleaded not guilty.

Hearing was fixed for June 17, at 2.30 p.m.

Detective Sergeant W. Summers is in charge of the case.

## Sabotage Denied

The Anti-Sabotage Guards have now been functioning for some time and yesterday a report that a case of sabotage had occurred in a British ship in the harbour was officially denied.

There are now 12 Anti-Sabotage Squads, each consisting of a Russian and four Chinese. Each squad assigned to duty on a ship remains there until the ship leaves port. On large vessels, two squads are detailed for duty.

### FILIPINO FINED

A Filipino wireless operator, Paoan G. Tabuz, 36, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistrate's yesterday morning with a Breach of the Defence Regulation, by conveying three letters out of the Colony, otherwise than through the Post Office.

According to Detective Sergeant Russell, of the Special Branch, accused carried letters addressed to Manila.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

## LEGAL POWERS SOUGHT

That representatives of the Urban Council have no legal right whatsoever to seize and confiscate goods of unlicensed hawkers is indicated by the fact that an amendment to the Hawkers' Ordinance, 1935, to obtain such power will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting of the Council on Tuesday afternoon.

The proposed amendment, it was officially learned yesterday, if approved by the meeting, will give authority to representatives to seize and confiscate the goods and chattels of unlicensed hawkers found selling their wares in the streets.

It may be recalled that recently a European sanitary inspector was ordered by the Magistrate to compensate two hawkers whose goods he confiscated.

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# NAZI BLUEPRINT: THE UNBELIEVABLE

This article is based on material prepared for a forthcoming book. The author is a member of the staff of "The Christian Science Monitor" and served as its correspondent in Berlin from October, 1939, through January, 1941.

HITLER'S war chariot is rolling along just now at what is its driven most seem a most satisfactory and promising clip. Where will it go if nothing happens to halt its clattering progress?

For the answers it would be well to delve a bit into the backgrounds of the men who made Nazism and who are manipulating the great German diplomatic and military weapons of conquest under Hitler's guidance. For in their nature lies the reason why they are headed toward objectives which are so different from those which nice and charitable and generous people still refuse to believe possible.

Two sources provided Germany with its new leaders. The merging of the two strains account for much of the Nazi regime's character—and of its objectives. The leaders came from the most part either from the submerged, elemental drives within Germany itself or from the wandering German in other lands who had failed to adjust himself to the pattern abroad and who fell back on his racial Germanism as his only means of retaining his self-confidence and self-respect.

Both elements were failures in the Old World. Both were motivated by resentment, jealousy and ambition. Both had one thing in common—their Germanism. Both wanted to destroy the order and society in which they had failed. Both, for somewhat different reasons, possessed a deep and Germanic unnatural hatred of the foreigner and everything foreign. In this derivation of its leaders lies the sharp break between the Nazi epoch and the historic trend in Germany. The fall of the Weimar Republic in 1933 marked the end of a long period in which German policy had always been either dominated or at least heavily influenced by Western influences. It marked the first complete break with Western civilization and Western culture. It marked the end of a period when Germany tried to be both German and Western. Abandoning the long struggle to be two things at once, it declared a war of extermination on the West and set out to destroy what it could never absorb or wholly merge itself into.

WALK through the palace gardens of Berlin to-day and you will find monuments with inscriptions in French or Latin. None of the older ones used the German language, which was regarded until very recently by the upper classes as the mark of a cultured man.

Both the War of 1870 and the World War were essentially German movements to merge with the West by forcing Germany upon the West. They were not conscious wars of extermination against the West. The Weimar Republic was the supreme attempt to achieve a final German unity with the West by co-ordinating even its form of government with what Germans believed to be the most perfect possible model of Western government.

The very frenzy with which Nazi propaganda to-day denounces the West and everything Western is in itself both a tribute to the validity of Western civilization and an indication of the powerful attraction it has for the German mind. It survives now even in trivial things. Despite everything the regime could do to evolve new German fashions and make Berlin the centre for European styles, wives of the Nazi elite still look longingly to Paris for their dresses. The *Kulturkammer*—Berlin's sophisticated district—represents an obvious, although amusingly unsuccessful, attempt to be "chic" in the Parisian manner.

NAZISM is led by men who had either never come in direct contact with the West at all or who had evolved an inferiority complex from their contact. They either distrusted it from ignorance or hated it from frustration. Like other men who have sided with the Wilhelmstrasse to-day, as I have looked them over day after day at press conferences down the long table facing the foreign press, the speaker is always flanked by at least a dozen other side-liners though he needed their moral support in facing those from the outside world.

The group is eminently non-descript in every way. It is marked by only one general characteristic—youth. They are decidedly a mongrel breed, racially. I can only recall two heads in the entire group from the Foreign Office and Propaganda Ministry which troops to the press conferences. The rest are anything and everything. One looks like a class clown, a sort of about 1923 vintage—black hair gleamed back from a part in the middle. Two sit with the military ramrod posture of the old army. One, a blond, slouches in a posed nonchalant manner. Two wear monocles in an obvious effort to be English. Half a dozen wear spats, but are about as un-English in every other respect as possible. Three, or four are of the short, paunchy, flat-headed, old German type. Several have Slav receding foreheads. There are a few who are or three who bear a subtle resemblance to the caricatures of Jews in the *Stürmer*. One looks like a pleasant, gawky American college boy. Another is the quiet, studious type straight from Oxford, or Cambridge. Only one could pass muster in the old German aristocracy.

AS a group, they are what you could gather in from the street of any European capital east of Paris. There isn't one you would pick as a born leader of men. There isn't one you would expect from his appearance, to find in high official position. Where is the blond, Nordic, master race about which they talk? You don't find it in the offices of government in Berlin. What you do find are the types washed up by revolution from the ranks of the dispossessed and underprivileged of previous regimes. They are the youth uninhibited by inherited restraints, united only by a desire to get positions and comforts which would be denied them under normal conditions.

But don't underestimate their energy or their singleness of purpose. Everything they have and are is taken from others and would revert to others if their regime should topple down. As a group they must conquer or disappear. I sat there day after day looking them over and watching their behaviour, always wondering at the strange chance which had brought these men to positions of power and influence in any government.

The significant and salient fact is that they have produced, for the first time since the Thirty Years' War, a German Government which is inherently and musically and passionately German. They come either from the dregs of the nation feeling the primitive emotions of the mass or from those who have turned to these primitive emotions as a refuge from foreign ideas and realities which they rejected. The most passionately Germanic of all are those who were born outside Germany or who lived long years of exile abroad.

These men are not only capable of curbing German civilization, but have made every possible effort to accomplish it. One of their reasons of animosity toward the Jew is because the Jew is a carrier of international ideas and culture. They want to destroy all known Jewish influence in Germany of everything which is foreign, because such things are a challenge to their synthetic concept of things German being things superior.

changes in frontiers, the reappearance of some German flags on the colonial map, some readjustments to Germany's advantage of foreign trade, but in other respects the same Old World.

SUCH a comforting idea shows a complete lack of appreciation of the nature of the men who control Germany to-day and the ideas which they have evolved for the governing of their conduct. Their aims are the old aims of German imperialism, but this time an imperialism unchecked by elements within Germany which admire and wish to preserve civilisations of the enemy countries. This time they mean imperialism in every sense. Perhaps it is no wonder that outsiders were so slow in appreciating the extent of Nazi imperialism. The Nazi

leaders are only beginning to understand it themselves in the process of fighting for it, because the thing lies not so much in their conscious intentions as in the very nature of what they are. After living among them for a year and a half during the war I do not believe that they ever originally expected to have a war with the United States, or even with England, for that matter. Hitler took the possibility of one major war into his calculations, but there was always the possibility that he would get what he wanted without war. He played it that way and the fact that he got into a war was a partial failure of the plan. He had much more to gain by peaceful submission of his enemies than by conquest. Every month the war lasts reduces the attainable spoils of victory.



By Joseph C. Harsch

I HAVE been shown maps of the projected German world of the future. I have seen memoranda from party sources which outlined details of the plan of conquest and the plan of fulfilment. I accepted them in Berlin as something every one knew about, I find in returning to the United States that people are still incredibly reluctant to believe that such things can be true.

Here is what they actually plan to do with Europe and the world, and how they still expect to get it. Europe itself is to be organised into a few enlarged Germany as a central core, surrounded by German colonies and farther afield, by vassal States. The new borders of Germany itself will include all areas inhabited now by even a small German-speaking minority and also such additional areas as they desire to populate with Germans for reasons of economic value. Maps frequently published in wartime Germany of the extent of the medieval Germanic Empire show roughly the countries they intend to incorporate bodily into Germany, from which they intend to drive out all existing residents except such as they intend to keep in the status of minority, slave labour. All property in this area will be owned by Germans and all enterprise will be in German hands. The process is already well toward completion in parts of Poland and in Lorraine. It includes the German-speaking parts of Switzerland and all of Czechoslovakia. At one time they intended treating the Dutch as "proletarian" Germans and taking in the non-French-speaking parts of Belgium. Dutch resistance is likely to dampen the treatment of Holland to that of a vassal State, but under direct and complete German control.

BEYOND the central German core will be areas in which German colonies will have exclusive political power and the native population will be tolerated on an inferior status. Such colonies will push down the Danube basin to the Black Sea. Such colonies will extend along the Baltic to the very edge of Leningrad. There will then be vassal States of various degree. Denmark, Nor-

way and Sweden will be organised into a single vassal, slightly favoured on the ground that its population is Nordic and therefore kin to the German. Finland is to be enlarged and set under German supervision as a northern barrier against Russia. Italy will be a moderately favoured semi-independent State out of respect for the past and for its usefulness in the Mediterranean.

In the west, French-speaking Belgium and Switzerland are to be thrown, for administrative simplicity, into France. At one time the Germans thought of holding a strip across Northern France to the Channel, but the attempt to arouse a German separatist movement in Normandy made so little headway that it has been apparently abandoned.

At the present time war strategy makes the problem of France somewhat difficult for the Nazis. But there is little doubt about the ultimate intention in regard to that country. France will become a vassal nation, condemned to economic, political and social subordination. I have seen privately circulated maps showing a projected treatment of Russia which made the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk look like the work of a soft-minded piker. White Russia and the Ukraine are to be set up into German-controlled puppet States. The new border would run just west of the railroad line from Leningrad to Moscow, and below Moscow would strike southeast to the Caspian Sea, bringing virtually all the economically profitable part of European Russia under direct German sway. What would be left of Russia would be subjected to the same kind of German political domination planned for France.

Going farther afield: Italy would be allowed some extension of its African Empire, but would remain "the prisoner of the Mediterranean." Germany intends to hold both Gibraltar and Suez. In Asia Minor and in Africa the plan is merely to substitute German colonial governments or puppet rule for those now established. South Africa is to be treated to a reversal of its present balance of power, with the Boers, led by Germans and heavily seeded with new German colonists, taking over the dominant political control and the English residents relegated to an inferior status.

ENGLAND would be used industrially to increase the ship-building potential of Germany. But it is to be cut off from its colonial and dominion empire. It is to be downgraded to the status of Scandinavia, or worse. It would be allowed to adjust itself as best it could to an impossible economic problem by the migration of its then surplus population to Canada, Australia and the United States. Its only industrial function would be to build ships for the German naval and merchant marines. Its other industries which compete with German industry would be gradually scrapped or destroyed.

The New German Empire as it is conceived and frankly outlined in Berlin to-day. But this is only the beginning. German colonies in South America are expected, where the time is ripe to conduct a revolution. It is to be a battle for control of those countries. Germany would then have absolute control over all the trade of Europe, Africa and South America. Japan would have Asia. The hope of the more optimistic Nazis is that some time during this stage in the proceedings the United States would either have made up its mind to "cooperate" in this New German order, or would have been taken over politically by the German element in its population. Should it prove incredibly recalcitrant and "difficult," it would merely be excluded from the rest of the world until such time as German power, fed by the entire industrial structure of Europe and the resources of three continents, was ready for invasion and conquest.

THE plan, of course, contemplates completion of the conquest of Europe and Africa before the United States can take part in the war. The diplomatic strategy of "refusing to be provoked" reflects the idea of keeping the United States out of actual war while the preliminary steps of conquering Europe and Africa are in process. But there is also provision for the eventualities of formal American intervention. This plan (and I have seen it in private memoranda) calls for conquest of England. If the British Government has fled to Europe and combined British and American fleets are attempting to carry on the war by long-range blockade, the population of the British Isles would be subjected to deliberate progressive starvation as hostages.

THE German idea is that Washington and Ottawa would capitulate before a lowering the people of those islands to be starved to death to the last man, woman and child. It may sound incredible to anyone in the United States who still lives, eats, sleeps, goes to movies, buys gasoline for his car at normal prices and votes every year or two. But it does not sound incredible to any one like myself who has been living in Europe during the past two years. To me it is just ordinary, matter-of-fact conversation of everyday Berlin. Before I left that city I had become so accustomed to hearing this sort of thing that it simply bored me and I stopped even listening for new details. It

goes back to Hitler's original thesis, expounded in "Mein Kampf," that if a plan is bold enough and ambitious enough, it can be announced with complete impunity because no one will believe it until it has overwhelmed him.

I saw this plan for the starvation of the British Isles in a memorandum which was supposed to have come direct from the Brown House, Nazi party headquarters in Munich. I personally believe that document was authentic. But if it wasn't, it was at least indicative of the authentic line of thinking in high party quarters.

The use of deliberate mass starvation as a means to Germany's political ends is nothing new. It is being employed to-day in Poland. Thousands are starving to death in that country, not because of a shortage of food; Poland always was a net food exporting country. The normal pre-war surplus of food exports against the United States amounted to 200,000,000 zlotys in value. All that is necessary to prevent starvation is to leave a minimum amount necessary to sustain life. But the Germans go to the length of even digging up the potatoes and the wheat before it is ripe, to keep it from the Poles. This is the evidence of American relief experts who have gone to Poland to study the food situation and report on whether American food should be sent there to prevent starvation.

It would be far easier to starve Britain, because those islands cannot feed their population. That the Germans are capable of doing it is not far stretch of imagination. They not only could but actually plan to do it if that becomes necessary to achieve their objectives.

Despite all this a Nazi can be sincere when he says that Germany has no aggressive designs against the United States. It is perfectly true—"if." He leaves that "if" unsaid. They have no designs against us "if" we will accept their blueprint for a new German world. That means that the United States will not only accept complete German political, economic and financial domination of Europe and Africa but also control of South America's trade and its economic development, and of much more direct importance, will trade with Europe and the rest of the world according to German convenience. They would sell us what they chose and buy from us what they chose, at prices fixed by them.

That is not all. The American news would have to be made to prevent expressions "unfriendly" in Germany. American laws and customs would have to be modified wherever they prove irritating or harmful to German sovereignty over the world. It would be a German world and North America would exist along with Japan, on the tolerance of Germany. Either the two would unite at some future time to throw off the yoke, or would gradually succumb to a degree of domestic interference with their internal lives which would destroy their own independence. The pity of the moment is that Japan, which has as much to lose in such a future as the United States, is so blind to its own danger.

To resist only partially and half-heartedly is a waste of time. The United States must choose one of two courses. Either it should attempt to the full maximum of its ability to prevent this thing from reaching the point where it is a direct challenge to its own independence, or it might as well stand aside and let it come gradually. There is little point in half-hearted resistance. That merely makes the process a trifle more painful. Hitler himself recognises it as a battle for the domination of the world. He knows what he is talking about and what his intentions are far better than people who merely like to think that he really can't mean it. He does.

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## Incidentally..

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THE intimation that the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, might be retiring next year when he reaches 55, the official age limit, is a possibility which few can have considered. Mr. Smith's own comment, in reply to a question, was that for him to stay beyond that date requires the approval of the Governor-in-Council, subject to medical fitness. As far as health goes, we cannot imagine that presenting a serious obstacle, for if the Colonial Secretary is now 54 years of age, he carries his years remarkably well, and looks a great deal better than many a man ten years his junior. Certainly, few would credit him with a career of 30 years in the Colony, yet he is already several months beyond that mark.

THERE seems to be an impression in some quarters that the Colonial Secretary, who was recalled from England just as he was beginning his leave in 1939, is not particularly anxious for an extension beyond the normal retiring age, but it is not difficult to hazard a guess that he will be strongly pressed to carry on for the duration.

## Caterwauling Swansong

IT must have been an odd quirk of thought that prompted us, when listening in the other evening to one of ZBW's request programmes, to speculate on the possibility of arranging something far more attractive to many listeners—a Request Not programme. We haven't permitted ourselves the small conceit of working out all the details, but it did strike us as a charming thought that we might have a sort of Swansong Parade Of Hard Stays. There are not a few records in the library of ZBW—"My Old Shako" hits us personally right between the eyes—which have been repeated so boldly and so frequently that to have them played over once more at a farewell performance, and then publicly smashed into small pieces in a Never Again demonstration, would be unctious to the soul of many a man who otherwise could guarantee to keep his atavistic instinct rigidly under control.

IT is a sad thought, while we are on this subject, that unless discretion comes to the rescue in good time, "There'll Always Be An England" is fast qualifying for the category of songs which have been hurdy-gurded to Hades.

## Anti-Suicide Society

THE establishment of a Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Suicides is unique, we imagine, in this or any other part of the world. Unless it is reasonable to regard as a prior organization with a similar purpose, the system by which seamen employed on the Star Ferry are given bonuses for rescue work—as a very natural precaution by the Company to check any tendency to convert their launches into vehicles for the vanishing trick.

NO-one has ever enquired, it is said, to surmise, whether it has so happened that a seaman, a little hard up, has ever been gallant by prior arrangement. In any case, speculation along those



H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent recently visited the headquarters of the National Council of Girls Clubs. "I'll hold him if he'll be good", said the Duchess to the mother of William Wallis, ten months old South London baby, who had been bombed out. Baby was good.—(Copyright, Fox.)

lines might easily carry us well out of our depth. The interesting fact is that the system has proved amazingly successful. So many would-be suicides have been wrested from the water, that the number of persons to make the attempt from ferries seems to grow fewer year by year.

WHETHER the method by which the ferry problem has been solved is capable of adaptation by the new Society is quite another matter. The trouble about



The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith health should be no obstacle.

would-be suicides is that they are generally highly secretive about the plans germinating in their minds until it is far too late to do anything about it. The aims of the proposed organization are none the less commendable for all that. If what they really achieve is limited to affording such assistance to demoralised jobless and others getting near the end of their tether, that the thought of suicide never enters their head, that in itself is a job well worth the doing.

## Poetic Vision

"WHAT is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare." That's by way of justifying a pause in our hectic career during the week to look over. Kelly and Walsh's latest offerings in the book line, to note that Britain's best seller, the official account of the "Battle of Britain," is now available. Those who may have missed this vivid yet factual story of how the Royal Air Force won that most never-Churchillian tribute: "Never was so much owed by so many to so few" when it was published in serial form in the "China Mail" as well as those who walked impatiently on each instalment, will not, we imagine, leave friend Abbott long pondering the problem whether he correctly estimated the capacity of the market.

ODDLY enough, quite by coincidence, it was also this week that we rescued from our scrap-

book, grave of many a bright thought, an astonishing little piece of poetic prophecy, to which we were indebted some time ago to Major Wilcocks, the Commissioner of Prisons, who, in turn, received the item from his mother.

The lines are a translation from Gray's "Luna Habitables" written at Cambridge, in, mark the date, 1737—more than two hundred years ago. It is difficult to conceive a more notable example of prophetic vision. Gray wrote, in Latin:

"The time will come when thou shalt lift thine eyes from the earth to watch a long drawn battle in the skies. While aged peasant's too amazed for words stare at the flying fleets of wondrous birds England, so long the mistress of the sea, Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear And reign the sovereign of the conquered air."

## Protective Colouring

ONE way and another, what with a hair-graying censorship system, public sensitivity, the defence regulations, and one way or another, what is euphemistically described as cooperation, journalism, so we are told, is no job these days for the blunt. There is something, therefore, to be said for the otherwise pernicious and self-delusive habit of interlarding the facts of a story with defensive phrases of the "it is alleged" "it is understood" type. It seems that something of this newly developed protective instinct must have inspired us last week when we were very careful to say that Shanghai's Lord Haw-Haw "is believed" to be an ex-German resident of Hong Kong, for it came as no special surprise to be hauled over the coals by a reader shocked by latent discovery of our lack of omniscience.

SHANGHAI'S smooth-tongued babblers of taradiddles, it appears, has so often roused the ire of our correspondent, that he set some Shanghai friends sleuthing, and discovered that the Far East graduate in Gorbels' gaga is none other than an American Chinese named Moy. Dossier supplied credits Moy with an American passport and with being a section of an old Shanghai Chinese family. All things considered, we don't know whether he should be congratulated on the skillful sublimation of his American accent, or whether to dilute on the theme that the gentleman would be entitled to greater respect if he were a dyed-in-the-wool Hun.

ACTUALLY, we are not at all abashed by the correction. We were far more concerned with the dangerous opening provided in Britain's frequently perilous propaganda, and the attempt of the Ministry of Information to cater solicitously for our nervous systems, than with the precise identity of the individual who cuts us to the quick with bang-on-the-target witticisms. It would do us a lot more good all round to have the real fault corrected at its

source than to string up this particular Haw-Haw to the nearest lamppost, as the temper of our correspondent's letter would suggest.

## Garblese

IT is quite a long time since we experienced such a shock to our sensitive soul as was provided by Father Byrne on Thursday, when he emerged from his philosophical smoke-screen for a few minutes to discuss psychology as a harmless fad open to research students "ambitioning" an M.A. It seems a pity to shudder over an excellent dissertation just because a layman has stepped down from his pedestal for a few moments and "ambitioned" to modernise his style. But in view of the already reckless abandon with which nouns are being savagely perverted and put to uses for which they were never functionally intended, every effort should certainly be made to persuade the better-equipped among us to do their best to preserve the approved and normal usage.

FATHER Byrne's lapse would probably have impressed us less forcibly had it not been "produced" by even more flagrant examples of garblese English in the Press. It is akin to the ironical that when the English are fighting to preserve their life, they should also be striving to kill their language. The garblese style is positively angering to all who appreciate the beauties of our mother-tongue. In this Colony, there is not even the excuse of a paper shortage. The size of newspapers has, it is true, been reduced to some extent, but there is still time, space and opportunity to employ good plain English.

## Novelty

ONE feels, too that some earnest thought ought to be devoted to the subject before widespread applause is offered to the decision that the anti-spitting regulations do not apply to private property. Obviously there is something radically wrong somewhere in the law decrees that a man can be summoned for spitting on the tramlines in Des Voeux Road Central and not if he chooses the doorstep of the Commissioner of Police. Unless there is another piece of legislation which draws a distinction between the steps of Wellington Barracks and the steps of the aforesaid Commissioner of Police, it is difficult to say at this sight whether this dismissal



This is Senior Petty Officer James South of the Engineering Department, R.N. Dockyard who has just received news from Palestine that he has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Palestine Government. Mr. South is not by any means new to the Far East. In fact, he has a wide circle of friends on the China Coast. His name may be recalled in connection with the "Wanhsien" incident some 13 or 14 years ago, when he was reported "killed in action." As the photograph indicates, he is still very much alive and still smiling.

of a case on such curious grounds is to be explained by some flaw in the drafting of the by-laws on the interpretation thereof. It seems obvious, however, now that we have gingered ourselves up to the stage of enforcement of the by-law, that the decision should be tested.

## Child's Impression

WE can vouch for this story. The small boy had been to St. Andrew's Church for the first time, had joined heartily in the singing of the hymns, and had listened intently to the sermon of the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach. Questioned by fond mother on his return home, the lad announced that the avowed function of St. Andrew's was "To turn Catholics into Christians."

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Sooner or later, said Mr. Yaffle last night, addressing a large gathering of British and American journalists, who had come to elicit his views on vital matters.

—Sooner or later we return to the subject of food.

I note that great indignation was aroused in Parliament by the disclosure that West End hairdressers are using four eggs in a ten-shilling shampoo.

I note further that both eggs and eggs are henceforth to be regarded as committing an offence against Defence Regulations.

In my opinion, this decision is utterly harsh. To a fashionable woman with a figure to preserve, the worst thing you can do with food is to eat it. Democracy has come to a pretty pass if people are to be forced to put flesh on their bones.

The State's job is to distribute food not to say to which part of the anatomy it shall be applied. If a woman likes to get inside her ration instead of outside, that is, in a free country, her own affair.

If any medical politician had said to me that I must drink "milk" instead of bathing in it, he would have been thrown to the crocodiles without the option. And rightly so.

In the fashionable world to-day, most food is applied externally. In any respectable household, it is a common thing, when a servant announces, "Dinner is served, Madam," for one's hostess to take off her clothes, and reply, "Right, pour it over me."

Soup, treacle, rice pudding, mashed potatoes, porridge, butter and cheese are most favoured for softening the skin, while fish, chickens' livers, and asparagus are preferred for curing shiny elbows and removing surplus hair.

Eggs, like spinach, tomatoes, and bacon fat, are rubbed on the head. As Solomon observed, "A woman's crowning glory is her toilette."

In the case of egg-shampoos, however, it so happens that the Government's interference was unnecessary.

It is an open secret that for some time now hairdressers have been using empty egg-shells, filled with paraffin and olive, and stuck together with stamp-paper.

The original contents were eaten beforehand by the hairdressers' assistants, to whom this "extra sustenance" was necessary, as their job is harder than that of a coal miner's, also longer, and they have to do it smiling.

And so, it would appear, all that these Parliamentary busy-

bodies have done is to put a stop to an excellent practice, by which rich women paid for their hairdressers' lunch without knowing it.

Leaving eggs with some relief, we turn to the Press story of how a man dressed as a German officer, in full uniform, walked through London without attracting any attention.

The significance of this story lies in the sequel.

The following day I tried to walk down Regent Street in a silk hat and white spats, but had to abandon the attempt as the dense crowd of spectators that followed me was holding up the traffic.

A policeman said, "I should be the last, sir, to discourage any attempt to relieve the grey monotony of life and lighten the burden of anxiety that weighs so heavily on many hearts. Were I to follow my natural aesthetic impulse, I would say, 'Lead on, amid the encircling gloom! But this dislocation of traffic threatens to impede our war effort, so, with deep regret, I must entreat you to hide your kindly light under a bushel!'"

The moral is clear. Modern uniforms are all more or less the same. Only close inspection can distinguish between German, British, Japanese Eskimo, soldier, policeman, chauffeur, bus conductor, and gas inspector.

Standardisation, the only coherent object of modern civilisation, has spread its light from China to Llanfairfechan. War hastens the process, for the motive principle of modern war is imitation.

What one side does to-day the other side does to-morrow. And that goes for hats, coats and trousers.

Even the greater nobility of soul, which one might expect to be reflected in an Englishman's features, is not observed, for if he has been to a decent school and played his full ration of cricket, all expression will have been carefully expunged from his face.

And so, in an age of robots, the garb of ease and gentility casts its radiance afar, like a good deed in a naughty world.

"Don't you like anything that's up to date, Mr. Yaffle?" asked a lady reporter.

"Yes, Madam, your hat," was the quick response.

(A soft answer turneth aside the blackjack.)

The wounded expected little of them, for they also were poor peasants. If some hand ever wiped perspiration from their brow, or oiled blood from their lips, or if someone washed the caked blood from their bodies, they were surprised and grateful.

From the hills beyond came the never-ceasing sound of battle. "Are those big guns Japanese, or are they ours?" I asked no one in particular.

From the furthest corner a voice answered: "They belong to the devils. We have no big guns up here. But we have machine-guns and rifles and we can fight."

I moved nearer to the voice but it was so dark that I could see only the faint outline of a face. Near him lay a long dark figure, entirely covered. I bent down, and the same voice said again: "He is dead."

I turned back the end of the thin cotton blanket covering the bundle and saw two feet. They were bare, for the living have need of sandals or shoes and the dead have not. The thin cotton trouser legs of the gray uniform were rumpled half way up to the knees. The feet were thin and bony and stiff in death. The toenails were ringed with black and the soles of the feet were hard and calloused.

These were the feet of a poor peasant of China who had worked always in the fields. He had walked ten thousand times or more. What had this beautiful earth offered him? Now he would lie in an unnamed grave in these hills, and his mother would only know that he did not return.

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# Those About To Die

All day long we had ridden along the Chinese defences in north Hupeh Province. When the shadows of the hills grew long we halted at a mud hut in a narrow valley which one of the armies was using as their first dressing station to care for the wounded.

There was but one door to the hut. Inside, on the earthen floor, lay a number of wounded men in a row, and in the fading light their dark forms were like a part of the mud walls and the earth beneath them. On a rude table near the door stood half a dozen black native scissors, a pair of bandages, and some small squares of gauze. From a dusty rather hung a big wad of unwashed local cotton. An Army dresser, some times reached up, took a bit of the cotton, dipped it in a small bowl of liquid and washed the wound of one of the men lying on the floor. Then he took a bit of gauze and a bandage and bound the wound. He did not wash off the blood that had oozed on the man's neck and face.

I looked down at the dim faces of the wounded, and their sad eyes looked up at me. One asked for water. A dresser brought some in a rice bowl and placed it near the man's head, but did not offer to help him drink. I had an angry exclamation, but, instead, knelt by the wounded man and lifted his head, giving him the water.

The wounded men all watched me in silence, and when I arose I saw that the half dozen dressers in the room were standing with lowered heads as if they had been reprimanded. Pity overcame my anger. They were all young peasant soldiers from the Army and had received but a few weeks' instruction in the simplest first-aid methods. Beyond this they knew nothing of the care of the wounded. They did all they had been taught, but they had been taught very little. Perhaps not one could read or write. To the dreary misery of their life at the front, month in and month out, year in and year out, was added the misery of their non-existing. Standing in the dark mud hut, they seemed like the spirit of the insulted and injured.

The wounded expected little of them, for they also were poor peasants. If some hand ever wiped perspiration from their brow, or oiled blood from their lips, or if someone washed the caked blood from their bodies, they were surprised and grateful.

From the hills beyond came the never-ceasing sound of battle. "Are those big guns Japanese, or are they ours?" I asked no one in particular.

From the furthest corner a voice answered: "They belong to the devils. We have no big guns up here. But we have machine-guns and rifles and we can fight."

I moved nearer to the voice but it was so dark that I could see only the faint outline of a face. Near him lay a long dark figure, entirely covered. I bent down, and the same voice said again: "He is dead."

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Marching feet beyond the mud hut disturbed me and I turned to see a line of gray figures passing, with rifles and packs. I went slowly out. Soon they halted, removed their packs, sat down and rested their rifles between their knees. Two of them went away and brought back a big wooden bucket of boiled water, and soon all had drunk.

This was a company of troops moving up to the battlefield, and this was their last stop for rest. There was a moon and they would fight all night. To-morrow morning some would lie in this mud hut, and some would never return. But some would live and fight on, for this is their earth.

I went toward them and their commander arose quickly and saluted. He came up and we talked.

"We are going up," he said. "Will you say something? We have half an hour here."

"It is difficult at such a moment."

"It would encourage us," "If you insist."

The commander uttered a command and all the soldiers arose and stood at attention. "Salute!" shouted the commander. I returned the salute, but with better reason than they.

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What does one say to men going out to die? The faces and eyes were solemn, serious—faces from another world than mine. But were they, now? Then I thought of my own people, of the people of England, of all the common people of the world who have watched and sympathised with China. And I began to tell the soldiers of those people who hope for their victory, who give from small wages or salaries to send medical supplies to the front.

I stepped to the side and the men marched past me, each one turning his face to me. They were like shadows as they passed, and I reached out and touched them. Then they were all gone and I stood until their figures blended with the darkness. Somewhere in the hills a shell burst and machine-guns hammered.

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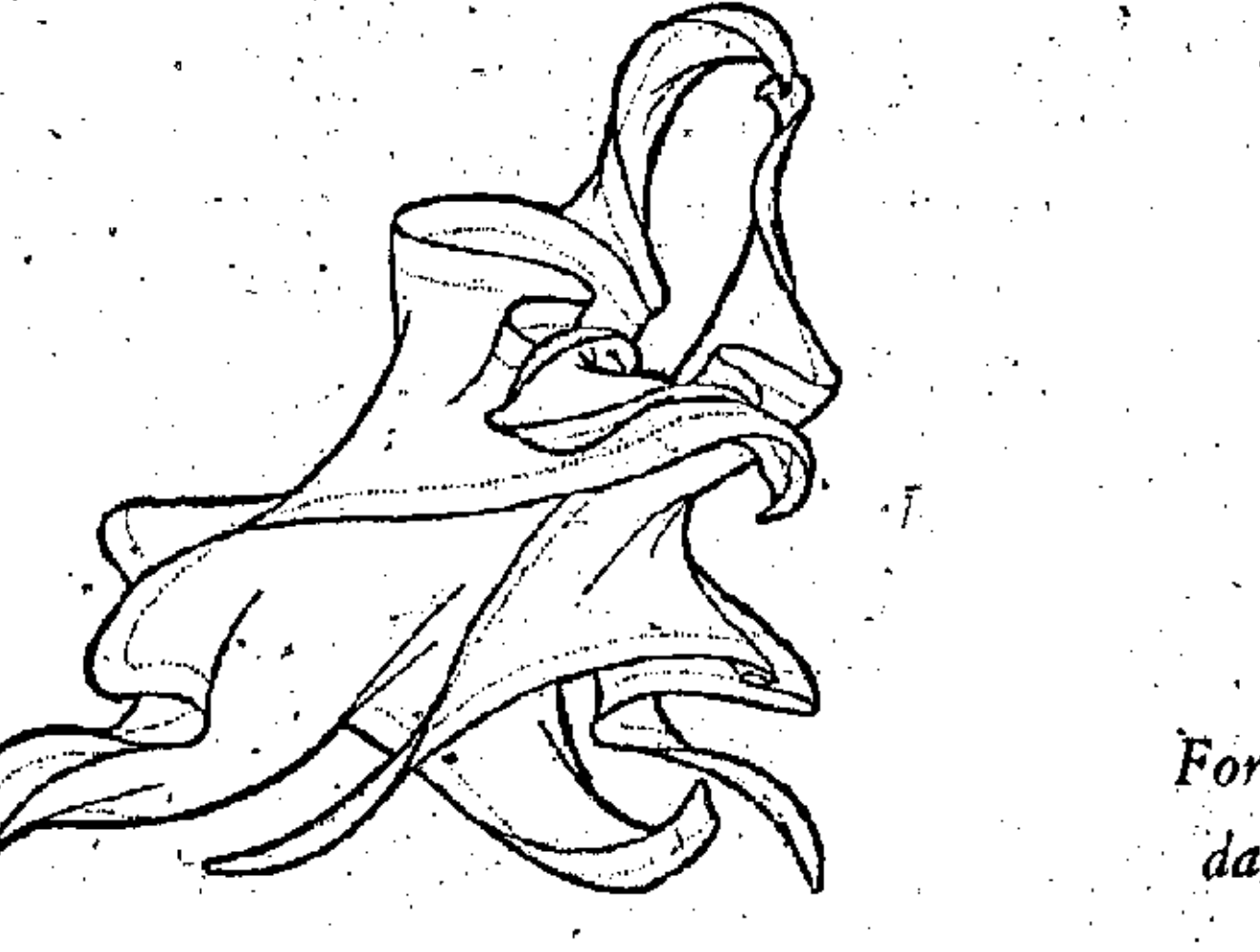
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# An Open Mind On Convoys

President Roosevelt's allusion to the two undeclared wars which the United States fought to protect its commerce may be applied to the whole picture now confronting U.S. internationality and the conclusion in many minds is that the President has given strong intimation of the use of the Navy at least to protect American shipping.

What he has in view toward the protection of the vessels of other countries in their task of transporting American materials to the beleaguered democracies is still not clear, however. His assertions about the freedom of the seas (left the practical and pressing question of the use of American forces to convoy lease-lend aid across the Atlantic still a riddle.

## Clarification Awaited

However, the President's remarks raised the hopes of advocates of convoys and prompted them to set their sights at a time in the near future when the matter will be clarified. Many had thought all along that a return to the freedom of the seas doctrine would be a logical first step toward using the Navy. But the next "logical" step is yet to be taken.

From all the debate over the subject of convoys one fact now stands out with greater clarity than ever: The fundamental decision as to what, if any, further measures are to be taken to assure safe delivery of war materials to Britain and her Allies is up to Mr. Roosevelt.

With this premise in mind it might be well to consider here the composite of opinion made up from the views of persons who have been working with the President on the problems growing out of the Battle of the Atlantic, and who should know, if any one knows, his reactions. It follows:

## A Determined Man

The President will, in his own time, take whatever steps he thinks necessary to see that the full measure of American

material aid reaches the democracies. If he finally concludes that protection of convoys by the United States Navy is the only answer, then convoys it will be. In the long and short of it, he does not propose to see all-out aid to the Allies bog down at this point for lack of effort to deliver the goods.

But American participation in the convoy system as it is being conducted by Great Britain is a last-resort measure which Mr. Roosevelt earnestly wishes to avoid and of whose necessity he is as yet by no means convinced. He is conscious of the risks involved and impressed, moreover, with the technical and strategic difficulties as they bear upon our own hemispheric defence, particularly in the Pacific.

He hopes other and more effective means than convoying can be found to insure safe delivery of the needed aid. He has high expectations for the effectiveness of the American Neutrality Patrol, as it is now operating on a wider range and with perhaps modified technique. The falling off in sinkings of British vessels gave some encouragement to the idea that things would work themselves out without the necessity of convoying from this side, and that the neutrality patrol was beginning to account more adequately for itself.

## Short-Time Basis

Under the circumstances the President is proceeding on a day-to-day basis in dealing with the tactical issues in the Battle of the Atlantic; and while he does not object to really encouraging the appeals of his Cabinet officers to people here at home for more definite action, he does not wish the persistent suggestions that the major responsibility is up to the United States or that convoy protection is the only or simple answer.

Such is the attitude of the President as described by people who have talked to him repeatedly on the subject. Obviously it is one of indecision so far as a long-range programme of action may be concerned, and one whose indefiniteness is due in great part, no doubt, to the lack of a clear, one-sided public opinion.

The suggestion is often heard in Washington these days that the subject of convoys is only one phase of the Battle of the Atlantic, and that it may be pushed into smaller perspective soon by other developments in this crucial struggle.

## By Turner Catledge

For the present, however, "convoys" is the all-absorbing topic at the capital, becoming a sort of generic term around which all other questions relating to overseas forwarding of war materials to the Allies revolve.

The issue is without parallel in recent years. In Washington, on the "pro" side are most, if not all, of those who have supported the foreign policies of Mr. Roosevelt through all their dynamic manifestations of recent months. In Congress and in the administrative branch the people who speak out now in favour of convoys are those who supported the President in signing the Neutrality Act, in enactment of the lease-lend bill and in other measures designed to implement the anti-Axis attitude of the White House.

On the "con" side are various groups. Most, but not all, opposed repeal of the arms embargo provisions of the Neutrality Act. They took a determined stand

against the policy of all-out aid to Britain. They opposed transfer of the fifty destroyers to Britain to the limits they were permitted under the circumstances. Among them are enough anti-Roosevelt people of the kind who can see no good at all in the President or any of his domestic or foreign policies to give the convoy opposition a heavy partisan flavour, particularly in the House of Representatives.

The strange part of the contest is that these two opposing sides seem to be talking at something in the dark. The issue between them is of this writing, still largely academic. The convoy advocates proceed with arguments similar to those they used to repeal the arms embargo and put over the lease-lend bill, but there is no legislation for them to support, not even an administrative policy. The opponents, on the other hand, blast away with charges of provocative acts which they say may lead to war; yet there is no proposal before them that suggests that Mr. Roosevelt has in mind the act they now condemn—nothing but the advocates of his Cabinet ministers and Congressional leaders usually in his confidence.

## Tobey Resolution

The anomaly of the situation was illustrated when administration critics abandoned a plan to force a test on the convoy question in the Senate. They were all set to attempt to append the anti-convoys resolution, originally introduced by Senator Charles W. Tobey, New Hampshire Republican, to the foreign seizure bill when they suddenly concluded that it would be more embarrassing to the highly pro-Roosevelt convoy advocates to drop the legislation.

Official Washington obviously is greatly in doubt as to the division of public opinion on the convoy question. The most available index is the general public thought reaction that the country is about evenly divided on the advisability of the immediate protection of Britain-bound shipments by the American Navy, but that a great preponderance would favour such a step if it were necessary to prevent the collapse of Great Britain. The question naturally arises as to who is to judge that necessity.

## In The Driver's Seat

The President, unquestionably is in the driver's seat so far as the conduct of policy is concerned. Any question about it was resolved with passage of the lease-lend bill, or probably as far back as the lifting of the arms embargo. The lease-lend bill was enacted by the new Congress, many of whose members, including some who opposed the measure, contend to-day that the convoy question was, to all intents and purposes, settled then so far as the legislative branch is concerned. The vetoing of all-out aid to Britain, these members say, necessarily entailed the safe delivery of the goods, even if that job devolved upon the armed forces of the United States.

So the issue comes back to the one source that can determine it—to the President, and if the sources which were mentioned at the outset are correct his decision will rest finally on the necessities of the case.

There is no way of knowing how the President himself appraises the urgency of the case, except that he apparently does not consider it grave enough yet to warrant the open use of the American Navy in provocative convoy operations.

## A Complicated Situation

Mr. Roosevelt is reported to have little fear of retaliation by Germany should this government decide to participate actively in the convoy system. Germany, in the view here, would stand for a whole lot more, including convoys, before committing any overt act which would provoke this country into a state of war or even a state of complete emergency with all that might entail in speeding up aid to England. But what would happen in the Far East should the United States be compelled to reshuffle its Navy to take on the duty of convoying is a question for which there is not so simple an answer.

# WHO IS FOR LIBERTY?

By IVOR  
BROWN

HAS any word been harder used in the last year than "freedom"? It is a commonplace that in all modern wars the millions on both sides believe themselves to be fighting for the same thing. True, personal freedom is not much esteemed by our enemies, but their legions are convinced that they are struggling for "freedom to expand" which our greedy, reactionary plutocracy denies to the bright, aspiring spirits of Europe's New Order. Again, there are the Greeks, fighting most valiantly for freedom to be Greek, but not for any other liberty of the rights of man. General Metaxas had no affection for the individual's freedom of speech and ballot.

In Great Britain there is still, deep in the war, considerable political liberty. But it can always be alleged that economic power precedes political power and that no man is really free who is not, economically, his own master or able to quit one master for another. Accordingly, Britain, a land of large-scale industry with few peasant proprietors, is, in fact, far from being the Liberty Hall which it fancies itself to be.

That is not merely the opinion of the Socialist. It is held, for example, by Mr. Arthur Bryant, who probably calls himself a Tory, though some of his opinions would cause immense dismay among the more influential members of his party, especially the bankers and the business men. Mr. Bryant, whose vivid picture of the last hundred years, "English Saga," was a happy part of my Christmas reading, has no illusions whatever about modern "prosperity," and he sees, as clearly as any Socialist denouncer of wage-slavery, that the "freedom of contract" or right to sell his labour at the best price in the open market, as enjoyed by a poor man with no resources—that is, without the power to wait for a better bargain—is no guarantee at all of liberty, fraternity, or equality.

The Utilitarians, as Mr. Bryant justly admits, did an enormous amount of good by clearing away abuses and a tangle of legal tyrannies and cruel hamperings of human right, but they were proved wrong about free trade in labour. The Industrial Revolution only liberated the rich: the poor it enslaved. What did "freedom of contract" mean to a mere infant toiling in the mills or mines? The poor mile had his labour but it was obvious that a dead end of sale could work as harshly as the whip-lash of a Legree.

So now anyone who is not willing to be spell-bound by a word must be considering the means whereby this magnetic concept of freedom can be turned into an actuality. There are many sections, but two main divisions

of opinion; there are those who look back to a stratified society in which rights and duties were clearly defined (as they think) according to a dominating religious ethic. There are those who look forward to a use of the State's governmental machinery in order to abolish the handicaps of the poor man in the labour market and to give him effective freedom.

Some of the first section believe that we can establish a true egalitarian democracy of small men in the workshops as well as on the land. Most of us must sympathise deeply with this distributive ideal, and wonder sadly how, in any reasonable time, it can be achieved against the drive of modern commerce with its amalgamating and centralising forces. Others indulge nostalgic Disraelian notions about Church and State, ignoring the abominable intolerance so long shown by the one and the gross tyrannies practised by the other. Mr. Bryant, of course, is very far from being as simple as that, but he is strangely hypnotised by the curious (and in one wholly unsympathetic) figure of the Jew Disraeli, driving in all his jewelled affection about the Chiltern country while orating as an Englishman more rustic than a Cheshire cheese and more clerical than a cathedral close.

The Tories had to swallow Dizzy because he could wrap up a defence of the Squire and Parson and state a case for keeping the rich man in his castle and the poor man at his gate. In a democratic age, however, we shall not have our liberties at last bestowed on us by a warmed-up pilot of Corn Laws, C. of E., and salmons to the Squire. Mr. Bryant, to do him justice, wants far more than that, but there may be others who do not.

There remain other forms of corporate action for private freedom, those of the State and Trade Union. Can these, under democratic government, so shape our lives as to control the nuisances and yet achieve the essential liberties? The State, of course, means certain people and things, legislators, departments, and officials. These have been given a bad name and it is generally supposed that you have finished the argument when you allude to the fact that a man has a desk and call him a bureaucrat. But desks have done no more harm in the world than pulpits and the usual dismissal of the civil servant as a dreary form of ogre is simply a dodging of the argument.

The truth is that the social services, enormously expanded in this country since the beginning of the century, have, in the long run, worked extremely well to mitigate the injustices of Victorian "free contract" and the dreadful

legacy of the Industrial Revolution. These services have been devised and administered by the "hordes of officials" (officials, for some reason, never appear in less than a "horde") whom it is customary to sneer at as jack-boots, or even as jack-booters, in office.

The case against "officials" is often stated by those who are determined to preserve their own privilege and realise, shrewdly enough, that the State can really be the poor man's champion. Their determination to blacken the State is shown by the contradictions into which they plunge. It is common, for example, to hear the same Tory voice maintain (a) that democracy is a brutal tyranny because it delivers the poor man over to the official for purposes of face-grinding, and (b) that democracy is a fearful menace to the nation because it gives the poor man whatever he wants, his election being a competition in bribes.

Well, they cannot have it both ways. For my part, I would far sooner risk my liberties with the new type of desk-holder in White-hall than with the old gang of the Rector and the Manor House. On any just computation of record the civil servant, implementing radical legislation, has done far more for the poor than the Squire ever did, and may well be trusted to go on with his beneficent work. I am certainly not claiming perfection for the present methods of conducting public business. But I refuse to be impressed by moanings over the morality of the Middle Ages and the splendours of the English tradition. I care as little for the rustic England of Tolpuddle, which treated the meekest trade unionism as deadly crime, as I do for the clerical England whose chief form of piety was burning heretics.

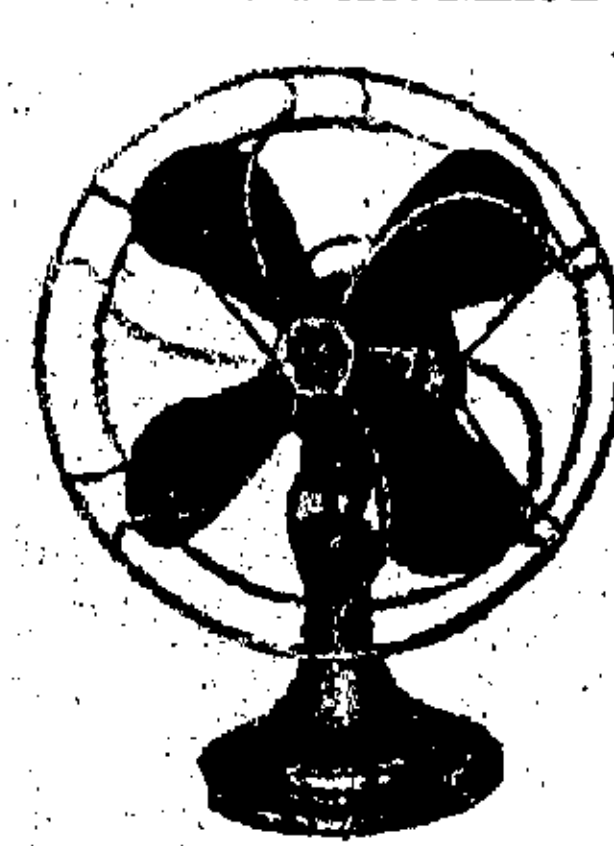
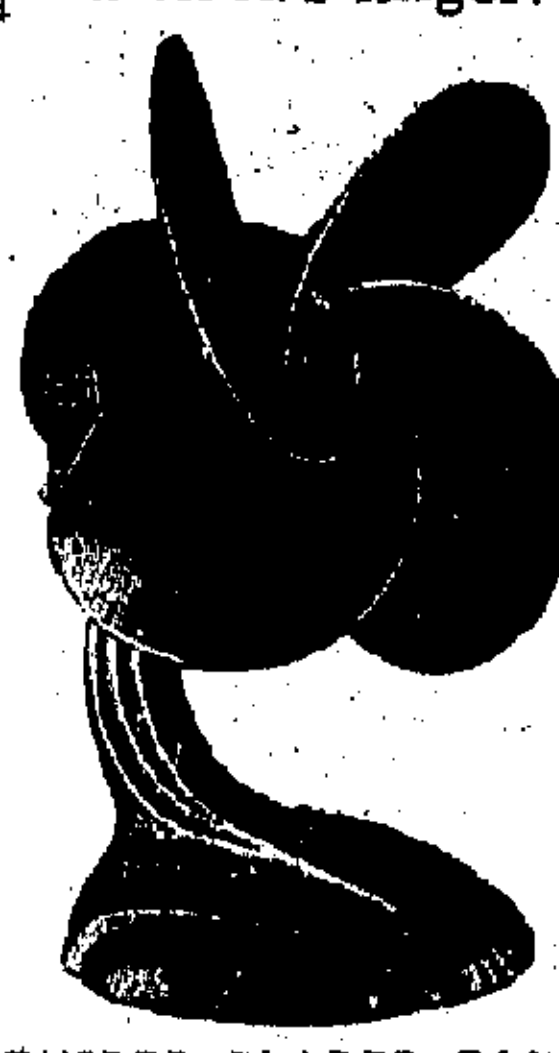
In this matter of achieving liberty I look to the future, not the past, though not without an overflowing spirit of hope. Perhaps the British, who shout so loudly about freedom, never will be genuinely free. He certainly never has been, "G.E.S." summed the matter up in a sentence when he said that the rich will always get anything for the price they want. The British, who shout so loudly about freedom, never will be genuinely free. He certainly never has been, "G.E.S." summed the matter up in a sentence when he said that the rich will always get anything for the price they want. The British, who shout so loudly about freedom, never will be genuinely free. He certainly never has been, "G.E.S." summed the matter up in a sentence when he said that the rich will always get anything for the price they want.

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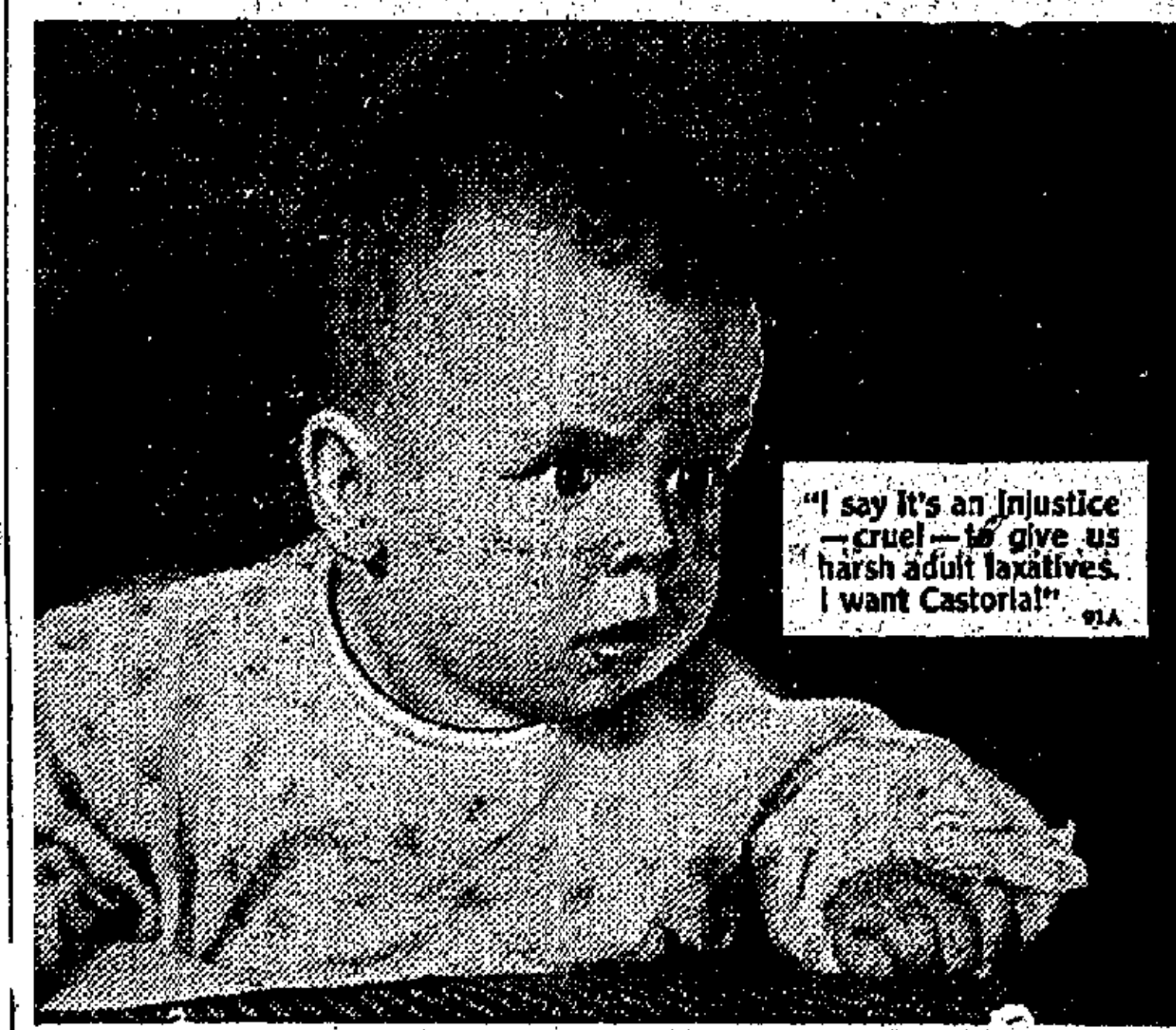
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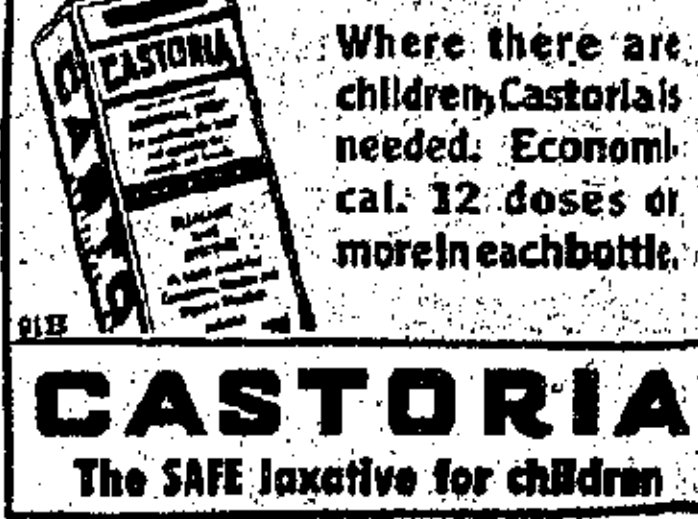
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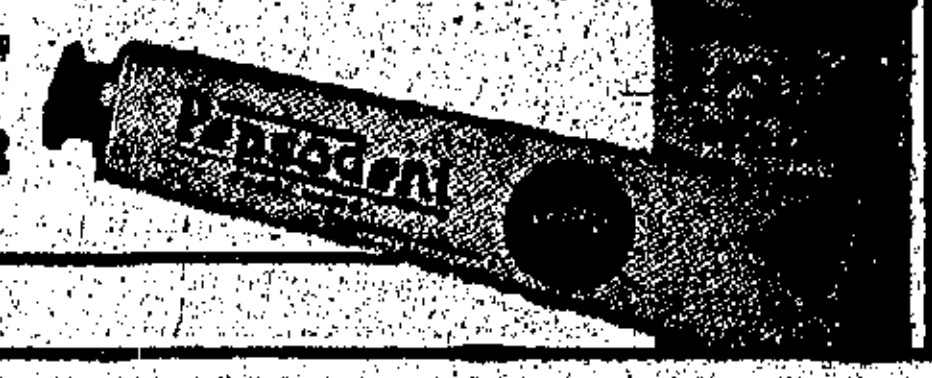


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# Are Americans Really Divided?

For some weeks now, the public debate in the United States has been out of touch with the actual movement of events. The unofficial debaters on both sides of the argument, and those who conduct the Gallup polls, about "convoys" or about whether we should "declare war" have been assuming the existence of a state of affairs which in fact is rapidly changing. They have been assuming that there is a war in Europe on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean and that the question is how much we shall intervene in that trans-Atlantic war.

In actual fact, the state of affairs is quite different than the debaters assume it to be and the question which confronts the informed and responsible men is a quite different question. For with the opening of the spring offensive in the Mediterranean it developed that there was involved not merely the fate of Egypt and Suez but of Spain, Portugal, French North Africa, and the Atlantic islands—the Azores, the Canaries, and

the Cape Verde. The war in other words is about to move far out into the Atlantic. If these positions are occupied by Hitler, he will be much nearer to South America than we are. His bases will be much nearer to the United States and Canada than any of our bases are to Europe. He will be nearer to the West Indies and the Caribbean than Japan would be to California if the Japanese had occupied Hawaii.

## Intervention Or Not?

To be sure Hitler is not yet in Spain, Portugal, North Africa and the Atlantic islands. But he may be in Spain and Portugal and North Africa within a few months, and, if he is unopposed, in the Atlantic islands as well. The

we prepare ourselves mentally and morally for an eventually which may, in literal fact, explode in the very near future.

## The Real Issue

If we really grasped the situation we should cease to spend our energy arguing about convoys or patrols, about whether we are going to declare war, about whether we are going to land great armies in Europe, and we should cease deluding ourselves with the now obsolete catch-phrases about aid to Britain, all-out, or short of this or short of that. For we should realize that what we are doing in the process of deciding is none of these things but how to prevent Hitler from advancing so far out into the Atlantic Ocean that he can attack the Western

But one thing is clear—when the real issue is posed—the unity of this country will be far closer than any one would imagine from listening to the current debate. Here, for example, is an interesting excerpt from the testimony on the lend-lease bill by Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of "The Chicago Tribune":

SENATOR PEPPER: Let us suppose that Hitler should conquer England as he has conquered France. Let us also suppose that he should conquer Portugal as he has conquered France, and that he set up puppet governments in both Portugal and England as he may in France. Then suppose those puppet governments, one of them owning the Azores and the other having the controlling force, decided that that would be a Hitler base at the Azores. Then what would you recommend that we do?

COL. MCCORMICK: Get there first.

SENATOR PEPPER: That would mean what?

COL. MCCORMICK: Just as Gen. Jackson did in Florida. I would go right in and take them. That is how we got Florida.

SENATOR PEPPER: Having a little faith myself in the policy of an affirmative defence, I am wondering whether you are committed yourself to that doctrine. Is it your idea, then, that what America needs to do to defend itself is to defend itself wherever its interests are? Is that correct?

COL. MCCORMICK: Yes.

SENATOR PEPPER: Is that your policy?

COL. MCCORMICK: Yes.

SENATOR PEPPER: So that if you thought there was a real danger, or a great likelihood that the Axis powers were about to occupy the Azores as their base, you would recommend that our Navy get there first and occupy that as a base?

COL. MCCORMICK: Precisely.

SENATOR PEPPER: Suppose Hitler declared war on us for doing that?

COL. MCCORMICK: Then we would have a fight. These Germans are not so tough. I have been up against them, and there is no use being scared of them.

So we may be sure that while the theoretical argument divides us, the practical issues will unite us.

By Walter Lippmann

real question arising out of this momentous development of events is not whether we shall intervene in a trans-Atlantic war. It is whether Hitler is to establish himself in the middle of the Atlantic within striking distance of North and Central America and in control of the routes from South America not only to Europe, but to North America. Mr. Hoover said quite recently that "we are united in resolution to defend the Western Hemisphere from military aggression." There is every indication that this resolution will be put to the test not at some comparatively distant time in the future, but long before the summer of 1941 is over.

We have been told by Col. Lindbergh and now by Mr. Hoover that we are a divided people. In so far as we are divided, leaving out of consideration the subversive minority, it is because the true position of things is still in the making and is, therefore, not yet obvious to all. Nor is it easy, we ought to realize, for a responsible official to make it perfectly clear. With things hanging precariously in the balance in France and in Spain and in Portugal, it would be very imprudent for, let us say, the Secretary of State to proclaim to the world that France will be forced to surrender, that Spain which is still neutral will join the Axis or be invaded. The defence of American vital interests by diplomatic means requires that every conceivable effort be made to prevent or postpone a development of the war which would pose at once as grave an issue as we have ever had to decide.

## Obsolete Catch-Phrases

But at the same time the defence of American vital interests in the Western Hemisphere requires that our armed forces be made ready and that as a people

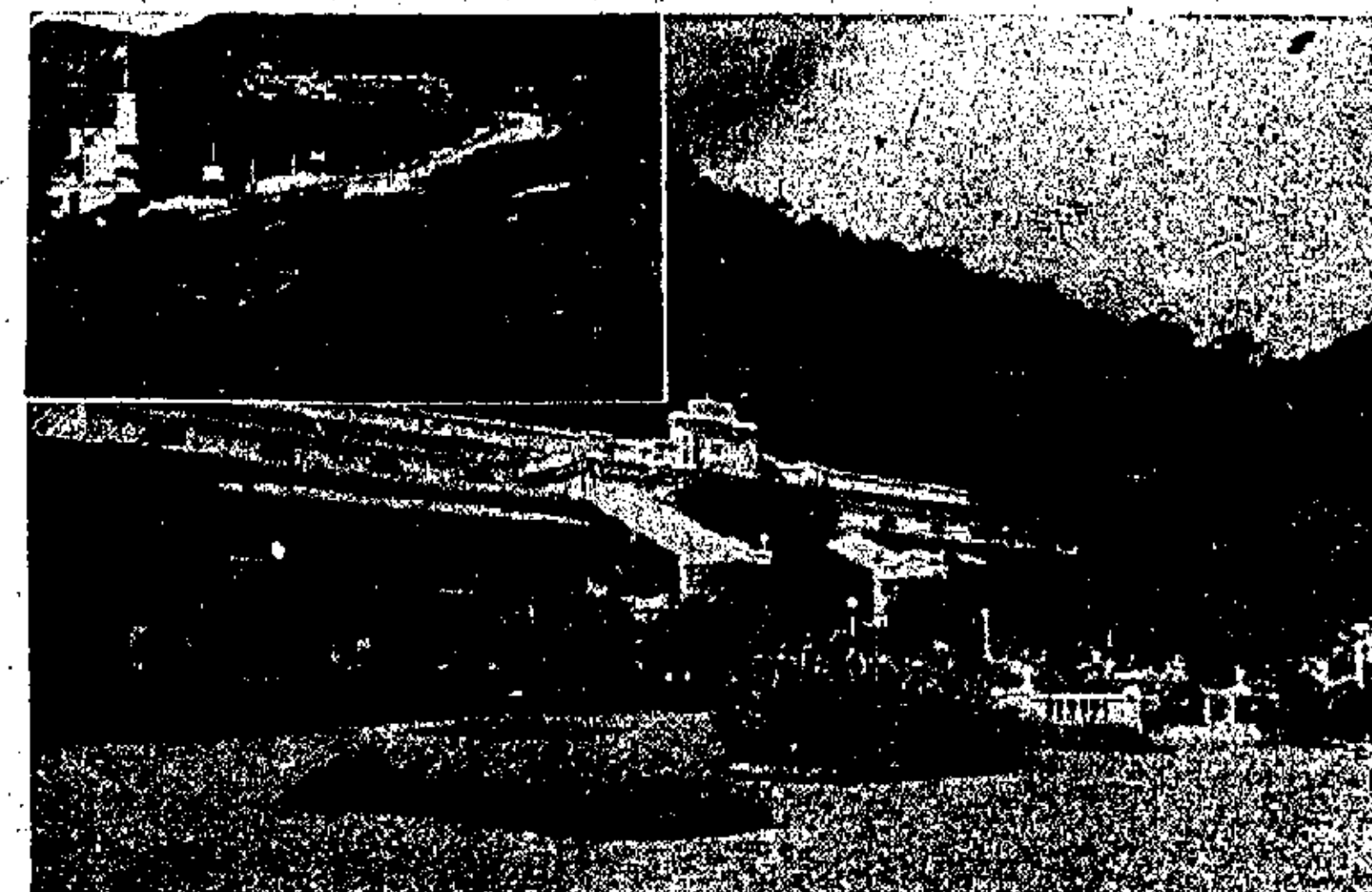
## Only Question

Though the theoretical and unreal issues divide us, the practical issue once presented unites us. The only question is whether our people will see the practical issue before it is an accomplished fact and while there is time to forestall it—that is, before Hitler is actually moving out into the Atlantic—or whether, like every other democracy, they will not believe that their zone of vital security is invaded until the invasion is actually under way. The answer to that question depends on the practical issues will unite us.

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#### GERMAN AIR RAID ON GIBRALTAR

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

It was announced in London yesterday that three German planes were brought down in Friday's raid on Gibraltar, in which no damage was done.

The raid was part of increased aerial activity in the Mediterranean, in the course of which the Germans lost 12 planes and the British four. — International News Service.

#### KING LEOPOLD LIBEL

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

What is seen as a virtual exoneration of King Leopold of the Belgians from accusations of surrender to the Nazis, was made in London on Friday.

This occurred when a libel suit brought on behalf of King Leopold against the London "Times" was settled out of court.

The case followed statements by the U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. John Cuddeback, that King Leopold had no alternative and was not cooperating with the Germans, who were keeping him a prisoner. — International News Service.

DESCRIBING THE R.A.F. RAID ON THE RUHR DURING THURSDAY NIGHT, THE HEAVIEST ATTACK OF THE WAR, THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON STATES IT WAS THE IRON AND COAL OF THE RUHR WHICH FIRST GAVE GERMANY A LEADING POSITION IN THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

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The whole district is closely set with industrial towns and about one-tenth of the population of Germany lives and works there.

A network of roads and rails and a highly organised system of transport, a self-contained system, is linked with both east and west through a number of vulnerable bottlenecks.

Wave after wave of British aircraft made this sweep over the Ruhr after coming down through the clouds and dropping flares before aircraft bombed from a low level.

Buildings were sharply silhouetted against walls of fire, warehouses could be seen completely gutted and whole areas were often lit by flames. At one vital railway yard the bursting of a bomb was followed by a succession of explosions in line one after the other over a period of ten minutes, as though a store of ammunition had been hit.

#### Immense Bomb

A typical experience of the night is described by one rear-gunner. "We made four runs over the

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target before dropping bombs. "Meanwhile we saw a terrific explosion and knew another aircraft had already begun the attack.

"It must have been an immense bomb. It was rather like the effect you get when you throw a rock into a pool — everything splashed up all round.

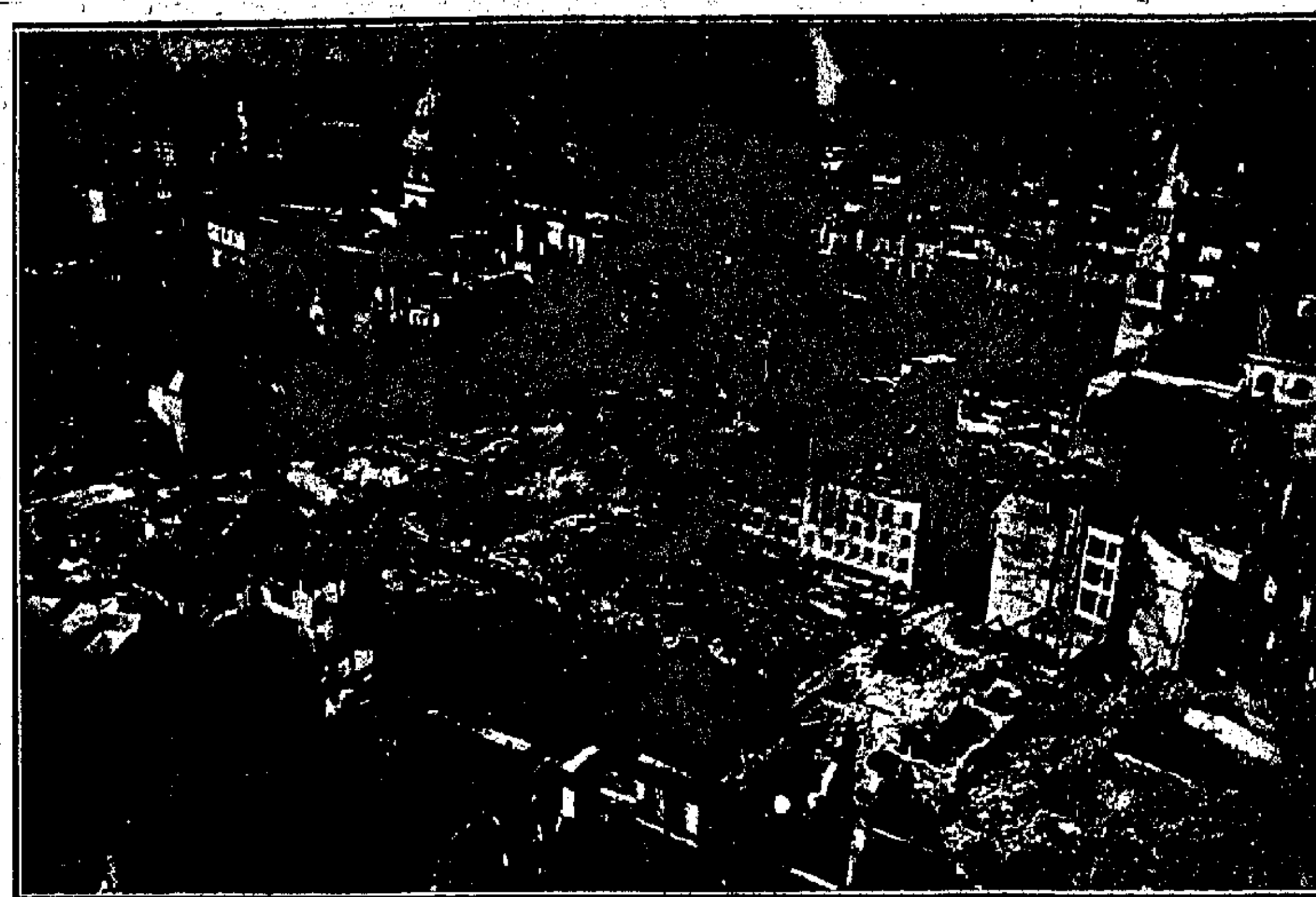
"Then I saw smoke hundreds of feet high." Over another target there was a methodical search by many aircraft, whose flares dropped in a continuous rain.

There were, as an observer said, "never fewer than three in the sky at once, and usually many more."

#### Night Fighters

German night fighters were called on to fulfil an invasion. They, plus local Home Guards, air defence troops and other special units, all of whom played

OVER HOLLAND A FIGHTER CAME STRAIGHT OUT OF THE MOON TOWARDS ONE BOMBER. THE GUNNER HELD HIS FIRE UNTIL THE ENEMY WAS CLOSE AND THEN AT 200 YARDS GAVE A LONG BURST. Immediately flames spurted from the fighter, which at once went into a dive. — British Wireless.



The work of tidying up the City of London since the great air attacks has continued unrelentingly and with great success. Royal Engineers have had to demolish many unsafe buildings. One such area lies north-west of St. Paul's, another in Aldersgate. Tangles of pipes and cables have been straightened out in the depths of the craters and stone, bricks and wood work collected and neatly piled together. In London generally, it is now ripe to find a road closed to traffic. Photo shows a picture from the top of St. Paul's looking towards Old Bailey, Newgate Street and Paternoster Row.

## 70,000 TROOPS IN ANTI-INVASION MANOEUVRES

BIG-SCALE EXERCISES in Britain, in which 70,000 troops, including several thousand Home Guard members, have just taken part, have yielded valuable new lessons as to what might happen in an invasion.

Lt.-General T. R. Eastwood, new G.O.C. Northern Command, designed the exercise to give the attackers the advantage of numbers. Two entire divisions were detailed to represent Germans who had made two landings in force, bringing a panzer brigade with them.

Only one division of defending troops was allocated to meet them, plus local Home Guards, air defence troops and other special units, all of whom played

## Sharp Attack On Vichy Clique

A sharp attack on the Darlan-Laval group in France was made by Mr. Cordell Hull in a formal statement made in Washington on Friday.

The Secretary of State asserted that the Vichy Government was apparently fighting Germany's battle in Syria and made it plain that he felt the British penetration into Syria was justified in order to resist any further expansion of German aggression.

Mr. Cordell Hull emphasised that Vichy had made no objection, much less offered any resistance, when Hitler decided to use Syria to attack the British forces in Iraq, which was a violation of the armistice. Syria, he added, was a vitally important part in Hitler's plan to invade Iraq, Egypt, the Suez Canal area and Africa.

Public statements by Darlan and Laval had demonstrated that the people of France were expected to surrender permanently and unconditionally the loyalty of all French traditions and actually transfer their loyalty to Hitler in the hope of securing his personal favour. — Reuters.

#### Vichy Rebuked

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"] Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, charged the Darlan clique with delivering France over to Germany. Mr. Hull rebuked the pro-German Vichy statesmen for letting Frenchmen against Frenchmen in the Syria fighting. — International News Service.

#### CONVOY ARRIVES IN BRITAIN

Another large convoy from Canada with fighting men, chiefly airmen, has arrived safely at a British port. — International News Service.

#### NAZI ARMoured CAR CAPTURED

A communiqué issued by British G.H.Q. in Cairo states: "Libya—Tobruk, nothing of importance to report."

In the Sollum area, for the second time within the last few days, our patrols yesterday captured a German armoured car.

Abyssinia—while the advance of the Belgian contingent is progressing in the Gambela area. Patriot forces have entered Shoa Gimira, in the Maji area. Further south operations are successfully continuing towards Jimma.

Following our capture of Asab a total of 550 prisoners has been taken. Iraq—all quiet. — British Wireless.

#### Delayed Assault

They had bombers and fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. at their disposal whereas the attackers had only a few fighter aircraft.

The numerical advantage of the "invaders" as well as the skill with which officers and men of the Royal Armoured Corps handled tanks of the "panzer brigade," enabled them to press home the attack with some success.

The Home Guards in these difficult circumstances proved how valuable they can be. Acting as holding and harassing units, they delayed the full force of the enemy's attack more than two hours at one important point while regular troops were brought up.

#### Fast Movement

Flinging in their attack with the object of seizing important industrial areas in the north, the invaders pressed on and their tanks got behind the line of the defenders and put it out of action for several hours.

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ENLARGED

Two new members of Executive Council are announced in appointments gazetted yesterday.

Mr. E. H. Williams to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension.

Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton to be the Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

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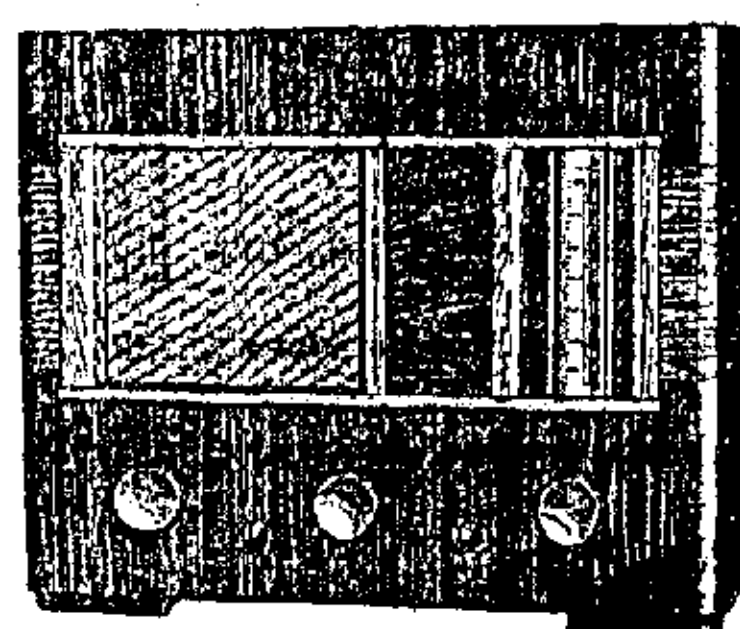
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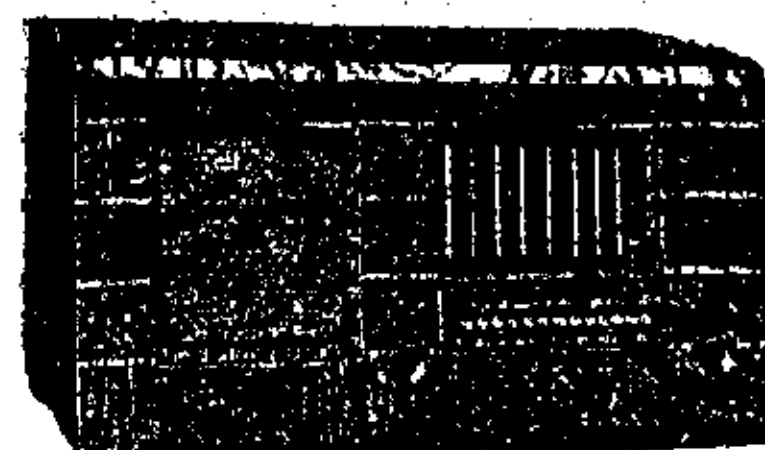
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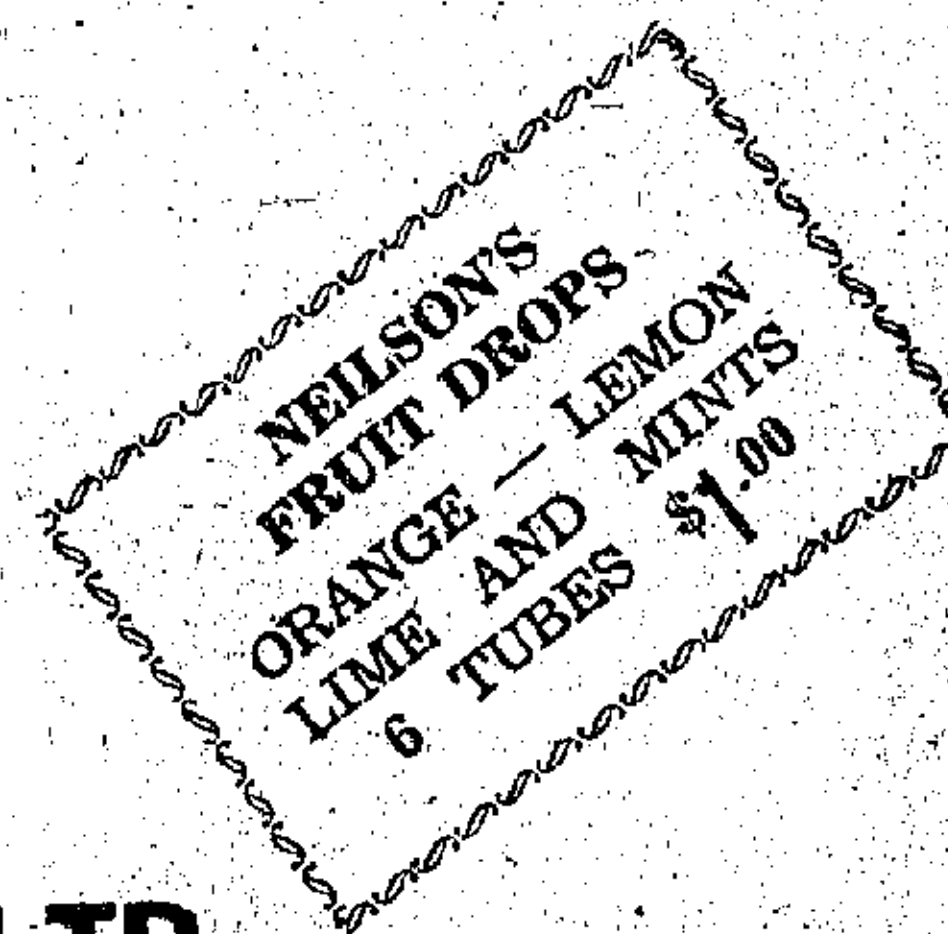
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is flooded with two figure  
problems—how to reduce a large  
bustline, how to develop a bust-  
line.

We wish we could send magic  
formulas to women who have a  
bustline problem but the truth is  
—there is no magic formula for  
reshaping the bustline. The  
process of its reduction or en-  
largement depends upon the tone  
and vigour of the whole body.  
Therefore any corrective exercise  
will help your bustline and there  
are a few specific ones upon which  
you may concentrate to help de-  
velop a larger measurement.

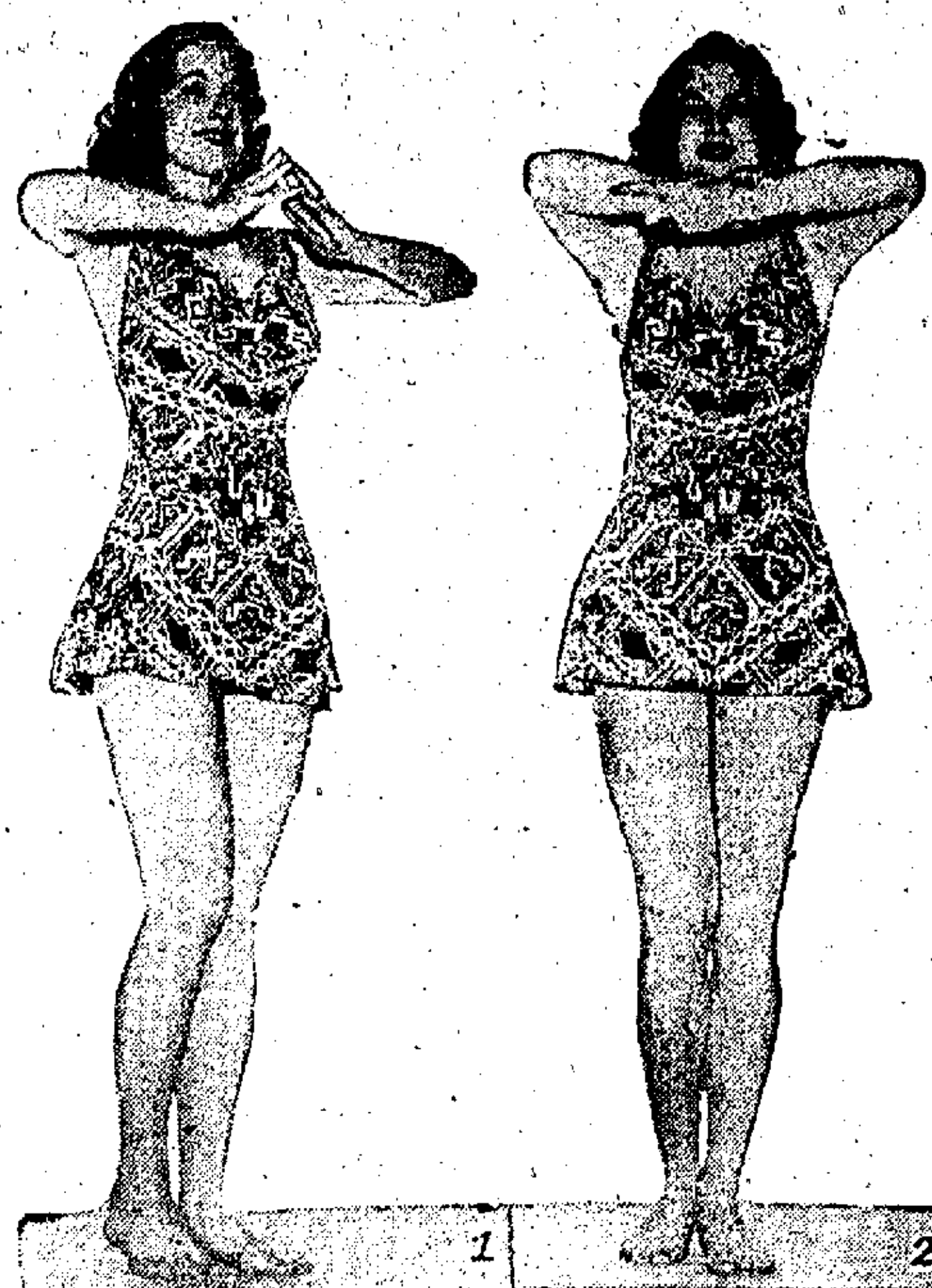
One of these is to extend the  
arms sideways at shoulder level  
with palms facing floor. Then  
slowly turn your hands backward  
as far as possible. You will feel  
a tensing of the arm muscles,  
back and pectoral muscles. From  
ten to twenty times in the begin-  
ning is sufficient. Later practice  
it more.

You may sit cross-legged on  
the floor and practice this same  
exercise, after you have practiced  
it while standing. But do keep  
your abdomen held in and up and  
your chest high as you go through  
the movement.

#### Other Exercises

An old standby, but very effi-  
cacious, is this. Stand in good  
posture. Bend your arms so that  
fingers will meet in front of  
chin. Keeping elbows as high as  
shoulder level, press the finger-  
tips together forcibly, relax them,  
repeat. If you do it correctly you  
feel many little muscles getting a  
stretching.

After pressing your fingertips  
together fifteen or twenty times,  
grasp your wrists with your hands  
still holding your elbows high or  
higher than shoulder level. Pull



Here's hope for your chest! LUCILLE FAIRBANKS demon-  
strates two bust-beautifying exercises. 1. Press fingers together  
forcibly, elbows high. 2. Pull hands with heads grasping wrists  
and elbows still held high!

In your abdomen, straighten your  
shoulders, push your head back  
in alignment with your spine and  
then pull. Pull hard as if you  
were going to pull your hands  
free of your wrists. Relax the  
hold and repeat. Do this ten  
times at least.

#### Deep Breathing Also Helps

Girls desirous of correcting a

flat chest condition should also  
practice religiously deep breath-  
ing exercises in the fresh air.  
Remember that perseverance  
brings its rewards. EVERY  
MORNING get up and go through  
your exercise routine. Every two  
weeks measure your bustline and  
after two or three months of  
loyal endeavour I'll bet you will  
be mightily proud at the pleasing  
curve your new bathing suit will  
reveal!

#### SPRING TOUCHES

Dress designers have thought  
out all kinds of clever ideas to  
make us present a gay appear-  
ance to the world at a small  
outlay.

Novel buttons to a jacket, a  
colourful boutonniere and a  
smart handbag and gloves all  
help to give a new lease of life  
to last year's spring suits, and it  
is possible to achieve the cleverest  
effects with last year's millinery.

Try draping a rainbow scarf, or  
one in some really bright colour,  
round your black pill-box or  
sauter hat and you'll transform  
it from just an ordinary little  
black hat into something which  
breathes the very spirit of spring.  
Plain little felt hat with rolled  
brim shown can be glamorised  
by a rainbow scarf wound  
round it.

It is so important to have nice  
gloves, a gay little boutonniere  
fixed in your jacket lapel will  
give to your suit an extra spring-  
like touch.

#### Those Old Potatoes

It will be some time before new  
potatoes are in and the old ones  
are not such good colour or  
flavour. How can we deal with  
them to make them more appetis-  
ing?

By mashing them with milk  
and beating them well their colour  
is much improved, and, in this  
form, they can be used as borders  
for stewed or minced meat or  
mixed vegetables, or they can be  
combined with other vegetables  
to make a savoury pie.

Line a greased pie-dish with the  
mashed potatoes and fill the cen-  
tre with any cooked vegetables  
available—grated carrots, turnips,  
sprigs of cauliflower or broccoli,  
spring greens or spinach—as many  
or as few as convenient.

If leeks are not included, add  
half a dozen spring onions, and,  
if you have them, put in a few  
cooked haricot or butter beans  
or left-over tinned peas.

Dust the vegetables lightly with  
oatmeal and pour in a little stock  
or gravy. Cover with mashed  
potato, roughly forked and dotted  
with dripping, and cook until  
brown in a moderate oven.

When you have only raw  
vegetables make them into a  
savoury hotpot.

Slice, chop or grate them, and  
put into a casserole with one or  
two table-spoonfuls of oatmeal, a  
teaspoonful of gravy salt, pepper  
and salt to season, a sprig or  
two of mint or a little chopped  
parsley. Use more potatoes than  
other vegetables.

Pour in a teacupful of water,  
put on the lid, and simmer gently  
until all the vegetables are soft.  
A small quantity of left-over  
cooked meat, chicken or rabbit  
or small sweet dumplings added  
will give extra nourishment and  
flavour.

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#### Blouses Go Into Print



The novel print in  
which it is made gives  
character to this after-  
noon blouse.

Blouses in all kinds of pretty  
fabrics are going to be worn this  
summer. And we shall welcome  
them as being as practical as they  
are colourful and gay.

If you cannot have an entire  
printed frock in that special print  
you fancy, the next best thing is  
a printed top.

The blouse in the sketch is a  
case in point. It is made in crepe  
with an all-over cigarette-end  
design which is quite unusual,  
and could be worn equally well  
with an afternoon or evening suit.

For evening blouses to wear in  
summertime, very gaily coloured  
floral prints in bold designs are so  
effective; often when buying  
fabrics in a shop you might be  
able to pick up a short length of  
a good print of this type. Then  
make it into a blouse or bolero—  
either would cheer up last year's  
dinner suit.

#### BEAUTY SPRING CLEAN

Spring-clean for the not-so-oily  
longs to the more or less normal  
category, you'll find, probably,  
that you're not bothered with  
greasiness except at the wings of  
the nostrils and on the chin.

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And even this exudation is not  
grease, strictly speaking. In the  
case of the nose it is caused by  
moisture rising from the tear  
ducts; in the chin it is the result  
of the activities of other little  
glands.

We begin our spring-clean by  
teaching these little glands to  
behave themselves. They must be  
trained not to work overtime; and  
for this we need a lotion which  
will have a "normalising" effect.

It will be applied at night,  
every morning before putting on  
make-up, and during the day  
when the face is "re-done."

And now cleansing. In the  
morning, and during the day  
when renewing make-up, cleanse  
with the milk, and for four  
nights out of seven.

On the other three nights wash  
the face with superfatted soap  
and warm water, in which a pinch  
of acid-neutralising powder has  
been dissolved. Use the soft  
fannel technique described in my  
last article.

Be very careful to rinse off  
every trace of lather in fresh,  
warm water.

Dry carefully. Then spread the  
cleansing cream over face and  
neck, and leave on for about two  
minutes. Gently wipe away with  
soft tissues.

On the seventh night use only  
cleansing cream. If possible,  
leave it on face and neck while  
you're having a warm bath.



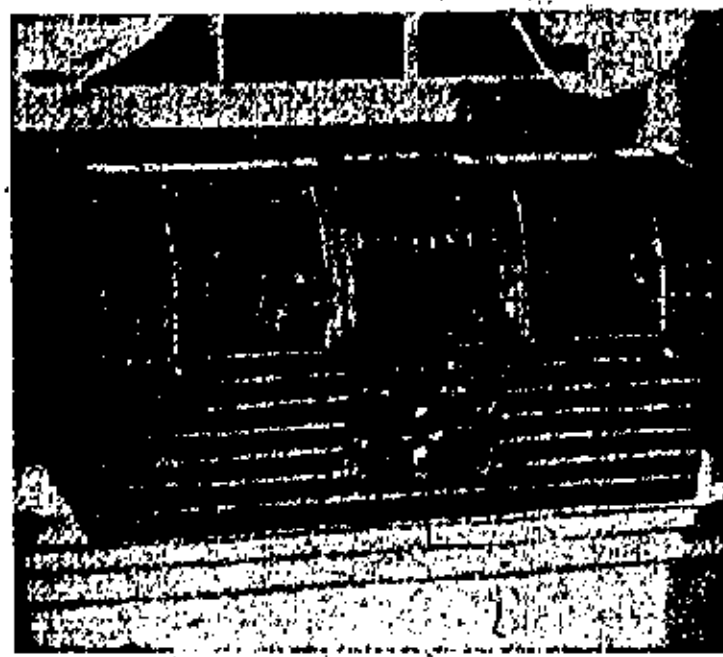
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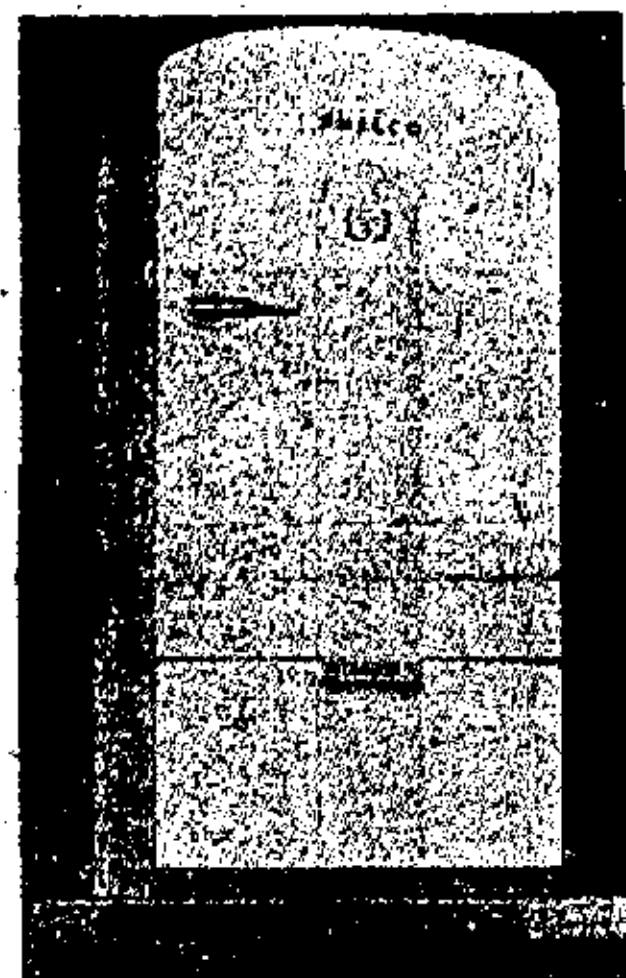
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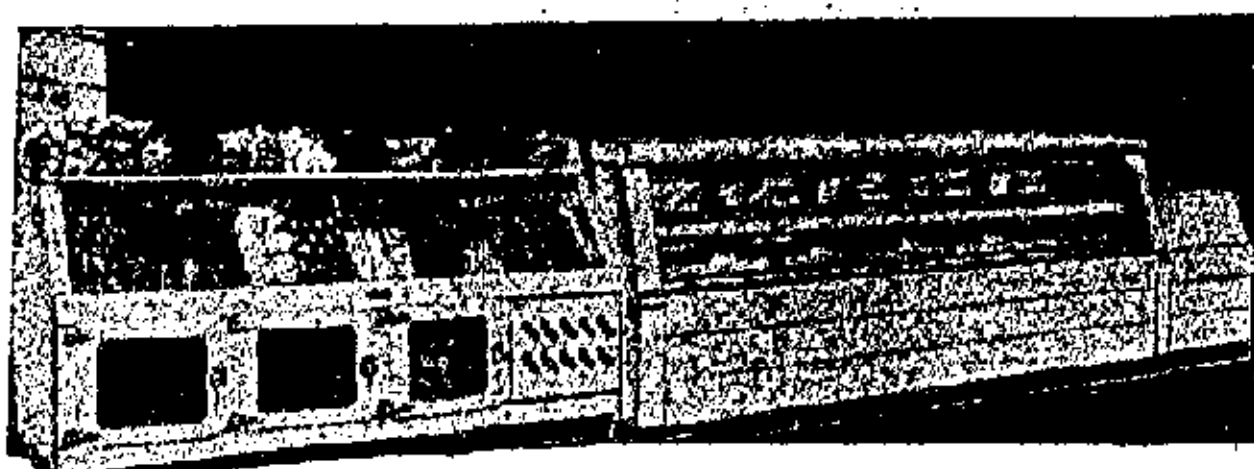
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Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Public Buildings, has just paid a visit to South coast towns where he viewed bomb damage caused during recent raids. Photo shows Lord Reith (left) viewing the damage. — (Copyright, Fox.)

## QUOTAS IN RATIONING CHANGES

Changes in the ration of certain food-stuffs have been announced in London.

From June 30 the cheese ration will be increased from one ounce to two ounces per head per week, and the butter ration reduced from four to two ounces.

Total weekly fat ration, however, remains unchanged at eight ounces.

In August the preserves ration will be increased from eight ounces to one lb. per head.—British Wireless.

## TEN PERSONS ACCUSED

SEVEN MEN AND THREE WOMEN WERE CHARGED BEFORE MAJOR A. N. MACFAYDEN, AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY MORNING, WITH DEMANDING \$400 FROM MO KANG, CHINESE CHIEF REVENUE OFFICER, WITH MENACES AT THE SUN NGA RESTAURANT, FLEMING ROAD, WANCHAI, ON FRIDAY.

The accused were, Chu Pak-yuen, 29, described as a partner and foreman of the Wah Tung Transportation Company, No. 109, Des Voeux Road Central; Tsui Kim-sang, 29, canvasser; Chu Sze, 45, unemployed; Wu Lai-chan, 20, singer; Ho Lai-chun, 29, married woman; Tsui Kit, 29, widow; Ma Tak-king, 32, Yeung Po-sang, 23, Chan Fook, 29, and Cheung Sau-kwai, 28, tailors.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

At the request of Mr. M. A. Silva, for the prosecution the case was adjourned to Wednesday morning.

It is understood that the case is a sequel to one in which six Chinese Revenue Officers and five other persons, were charged with a similar offence.

## LOCAL SHARES

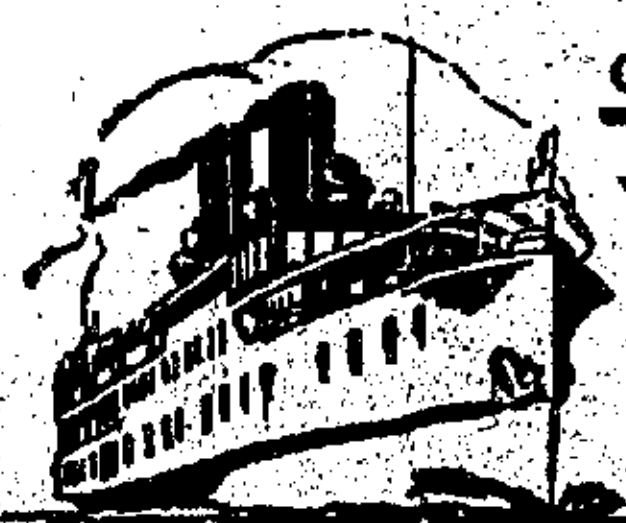
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Sandakan Lights \$11.70 b.  
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## D.E.I. TRADE WITH CHINA

According to reports received by well-informed Dutch circles in London from Batavia, the People's Council of Batavia, in its next session starting on Monday, will discuss the desirability of improving the Dutch East Indies trade relations with China.—Central News.

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Price restrictions, limited in the previous order to Burma Rice, now covers all rice supplies whatever their place of origin.

The new order, which comes into effect as and from tomorrow, regulates prices as follows:—  
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F—\$14.00 do. do.

## Inspection

In this order "grade" in relation to rice means the grade of rice indicated by a letter and exhibited for inspection at the Wholesale Department of the Hong Kong Government Rice Monopoly, 5 Ice House Street, Hong Kong, and also on the premises of the rice sub-distribution stations at—

94, 98, 103, 117 and 133, Connaught Road, West, Hong Kong;  
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## DETECTIVE GIVES CHASE

Miss Ho Ching-choi, of No. 7, Castle Road, was the victim of a handbag snatcher in D'Aguiar Street near Wellington Street on Friday.

The alleged snatcher, Chan Chung-lam, 27, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday morning.

Detective Sergeant V. J. MacKenzie was in Wellington Street and saw accused running up the road. He arrested accused in an alley with the handbag in his possession.

## PROMOTIONS IN H.K.V.D.C.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

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Robertson, M.M.  
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2nd Lieutenant Bevan Clarence Field, with effect from 16th May, 1941.

2nd Lieutenant Joaquim Jeronymo Guterres, with effect from 18th May, 1941.

## BRIBE OFFERED

For offering a bribe of \$1 to Sergeant J. F. Ferrier while being taken to the station for riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the road on Friday, Wong Tau, 20, still assistant, was fined \$18, or two weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon yesterday.

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10.30-11.30 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from the Union Church.  
12.15 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25.  
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: (Intermezzo) Allegro ma non troppo; 3rd Mov: Tempo del Intermezzo and Coda; 4th Mov: Andante con moto; 5th Mov: Andante con moto; 6th Mov: Andante con moto; 7th Mov: Andante con moto; 8th Mov: Andante con moto; 9th Mov: Andante con moto; 10th Mov: Andante con moto; 11th Mov: Andante con moto; 12th Mov: Andante con moto.  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.  
1.02 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).  
At Dawning (Cadman).  
The Waltzing Doll (Poldini).  
New Light Symphony Orchestra.  
Love Passes By (film 'Let's live to-night')... Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra.  
Jazz Nocturne (My Silent Love—Suesse).  
Buffoon (Confrey).  
New Light Symphony Orchestra.  
Love Is My Song (Raymond Murray).  
The Lavender Lass (Mortimer Murray).  
Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra.  
Monastery Bells (Wely).  
New Light Symphony Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Relay of Rugby Press and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Gounod's 'Romeo and Juliet' The Tomb Scene Act 5. Georges Thill (Tenor) and Mlle. Feraldy (Soprano) with Orch.  
2.02 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 25 in A Major.  
1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 4th Mov: Allegro con spirito.  
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
2.30 p.m.—Close down.  
5.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
7.15 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
Forest Idyll (Eissler); The Heart Impression (from the picture by Arnold Becklin-Schmalstieg).  
Simple Aveu (Thome); Spring Song (Mendelssohn).  
Song of Paradise (Reginald King); Columbine's Rancorous (Hekken).  
Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr); Love's Old Sweet Song (Molloy).  
7.45 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.  
Waltz Memories from Vienna (arr. Rawicz and Landauer); Schubert Time (arr. Rawicz and Landauer).  
Fledermaus—Fantasy (Strauss—arr. Rawicz and Landauer); Gipsy Baron—Fantasy (Strauss—arr. Rawicz and Landauer).  
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
8.30 p.m.—Relay of a Recital by the Choir of St. Joseph's Church.  
1. March (Noniatio)... Organ.  
2. a) O Sacramentum Pietatis (Riganti); b) Vergine Santa (Brettenbach)... Choral.  
3. "O God, Thou Beneficent God" Partite Nos. 1, 3, 6, 9 (Bach)... Organ.  
4. From Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' a) Come Every One That Thirsteth... Quartet.  
b) Blessed are the Men who Fear Him... Chorus.  
5. Melody (Riganti)... Organ.  
6. Phange (Perosi)... Duet for Two Soprani.  
7. Rondo-Scherzo (Noniatio)... Organ.  
8. Our Lady of Lourdes (Rosso) Soprano Solo and Chorus.  
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Book Reviews.  
9.30 p.m.—Cello Solos by Maurice Marechal.  
Elgie (Gabriel Faure, Op. 24); Intrada (Adagio) (Desplaney-Nachez).  
Guitare (Moszkowski, Op. 45, No. 2).  
9.45-10.0 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
9.45 p.m.—Elgar—Cockaigne Concert Overture, Op. 40.  
B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
10.15 p.m.—Rose—Merchant of Venice Suite.  
Prelude No. 1—Intermezzo 'Portia'—Oriental March—Prelude No. 2—Doge's March—London Palladium Orchestra.  
10.32 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.  
Conducted by a Minister of the Methodist Church.  
10.50 p.m.—Close down.

## African Strategy

RECENT reports that Britain is building up a large force in Freetown Sierra Leone, are an indication of the importance of the oceans, and the strategy of the British.

Freetown is on the western shoulder of Africa, like Vichy-controlled Dakar, is strategically located to dominate the now vital British north-south Atlantic shipping routes, and the important Cape route around Africa. It is about 500 miles inland from Dakar, which is believed to be one of the objectives of the reported German infiltration into West Africa. As one of the finest harbours on the projecting shoulder of Africa, Freetown can serve in some sense to circumscribe an Axis-controlled Dakar.

Freetown is on a peninsula that juts out well into the sea. It has a fine natural deep water harbour, and has long been used as an important naval station, by the British with facilities for coal and oil storage. Wooded hills and mountains afford positions for strong defences.

Sierra Leone in past times has had one serious drawback: it was notorious as being hot, damp and unhealthy, with a great deal of malaria. Fever was formerly so common that the colony was known as the "white man's grave." The climate is trying, but in recent years the vicinity of Freetown has been made, by strict medical and sanitary measures, far less unhealthy for white men.

Recent reports have put the British strength now at Sierra Leone at 20,000 men. This is probably too high a figure, but the very factors that gave rise to the reports indicate beyond much doubt that the British are aware of the growing preponderance of Vichy with Berlin, are concentrating some forces there, and they emphasise the importance attached to an adequate base in the region.

### Special Command Established

Added emphasis is lent by the fact that Lieutenant-General George James Giffard of the British Army, a 55-year-old World War veteran, with much experience in African campaigns, was appointed General Officer Commanding West Africa last Summer. His command includes not only Sierra Leone, but also Gambia, the Gold Coast and Nigeria, a vast tract of tropical territory of vast importance in the expansion of total war.

Freetown itself is probably too far from Dakar to serve as a direct springboard for attack upon Dakar, or to neutralise Dakar effectively if that port fell into German hands. However, Bathurst, Gambia, only about 100 miles inland from Dakar, might well serve as an advance base, particularly for flying boats, from which Dakar could be watched effectively. Bathurst could also be utilised as an intermediary point, with Freetown as the main base for an attack against the Dakar area.

The concentration of troops at Freetown may prove action in West Africa; but for the moment it probably represents a precautionary measure, with several ends to be served. First of all, a British base on the shoulder of Africa is essential to safeguard the north-south Atlantic routes and the round-the-Cape shipping lanes, important to Britain's supply of her Middle East forces now that the Mediterranean "lifeline" is under constant assault.

### By Hanson W. Baldwin

## Reason v. Fear

There is a master-weapon the Nazis have perfected. It has more victims than bombs from the air, sinks more hearts than the U-boats and undermines more people than all the fifth columns. It is the weapon of fear.

Don't let us deny that we are open to its attack. The man who is never afraid does not exist. Many of us know the effects of bombs, gas attack we are warned against, invasion we are prepared for.

But the deep black shadows that are in the very words are worse than any reality. Some of us would rather hear the church bells ring than wait in apprehension.

We can release ourselves from fear, and deaden as the weapon is that our enemies use, there is defence against it.

Our defence is not to stop being afraid. To suggest that would be

futile. Indeed, to be a little afraid is actually necessary, for insensibility is not a merit. We do not think any the less of Captain Hook because he is afraid of the tick, tick, tick of the crocodile in "Peter Pan."

We need to have respect for the opposition and for the unknown, or we should become indifferent players, and, perhaps, even empty baggards like Musolini.

The brave man is not one who does not know what it means to be afraid—such a one is an idiot. The brave man goes on, does what must be done, although he is afraid; he swallows his fear to tune up his soul. That is what gives quality to brave deeds, and makes our hearts warm with pleasure when we hear of them.

Let us remember that fear is one of the natural instincts. It is in the same category as the force, brutality, and ruthlessness the Nazis are so proud of.

Germany is powerful not because of any special German qualities, but because she has allowed natural instincts that belong to all men to rule her. She has chosen to let the animal that is in all of us take charge of her humanity.

So we have to meet force by more powerful force. But what will overthrow Germany will not be merely our better planes or heavier weapons, or anything that America can send us, but the use that we shall make of our own human quality of reason.

Victory will come to us because we remember that we are men, and we do not forget what men owe to each other.

Reason allied to courage is irresistible.

By reason I do not mean great intellectual gifts. Such gifts count; but what counts above all is the common intelligence of men, women and children.

The defence against fear is not, therefore, the exclusive possession of lion hearts and heroes, but something everyone has.

This common intelligence, this human reason, the most wonderful of all things in the world, is what enables us to look our fears in the face.

Night after night we face them, and our hearts are lifted up.

How is that? Because in the course of the war we have made great discoveries.

We have lost the feeling of isolation. Now, as men, women and children, we cooperate; and this individualism, the sense of separation, the idea of not being cared for, have all gone.

What a great gain that is!

What wretched limited lives so many of us lived in the past, shut in upon ourselves, concerned only with our own affairs, full of our own private anxieties, and dreading the future! Now this has gone.

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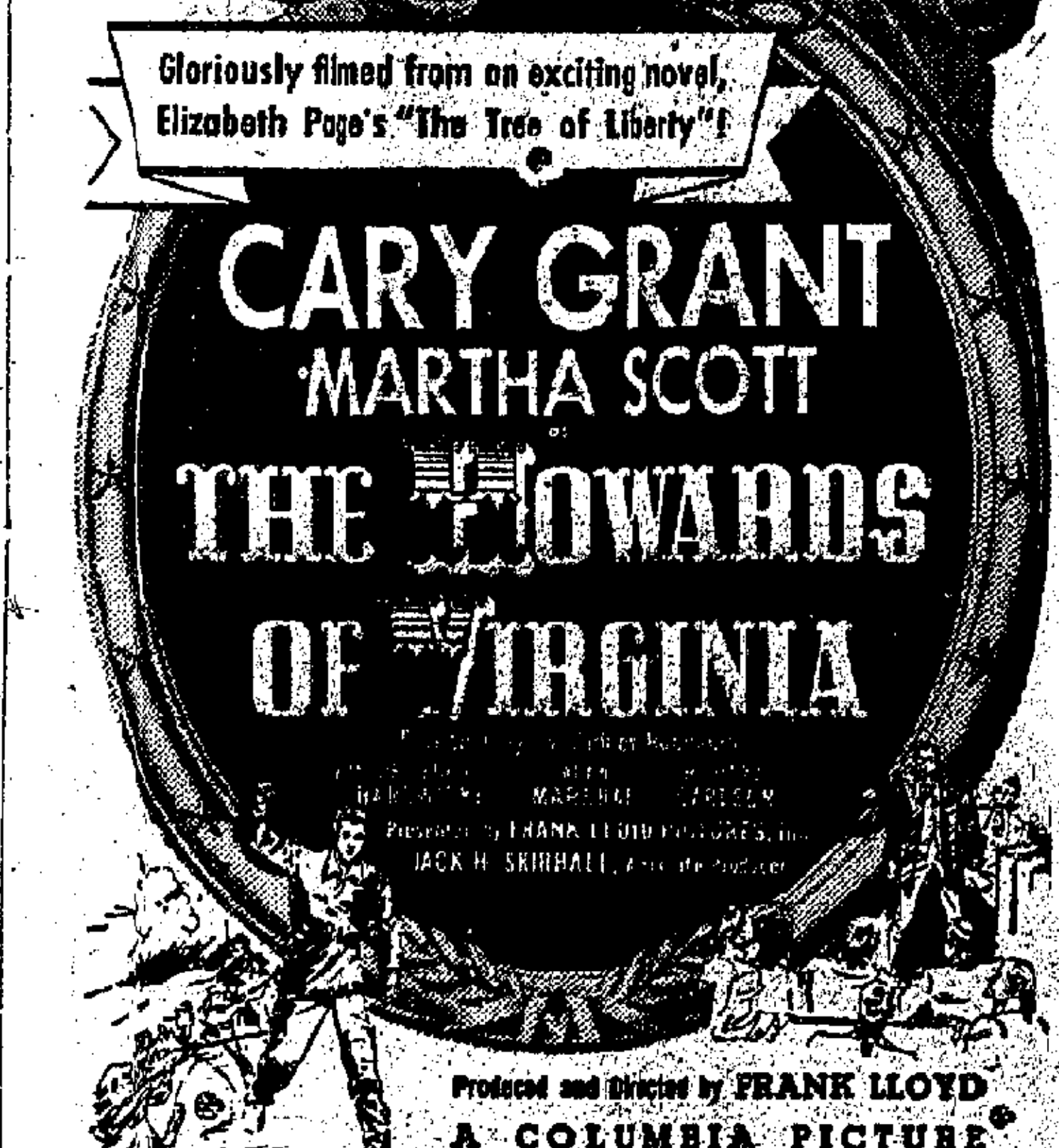
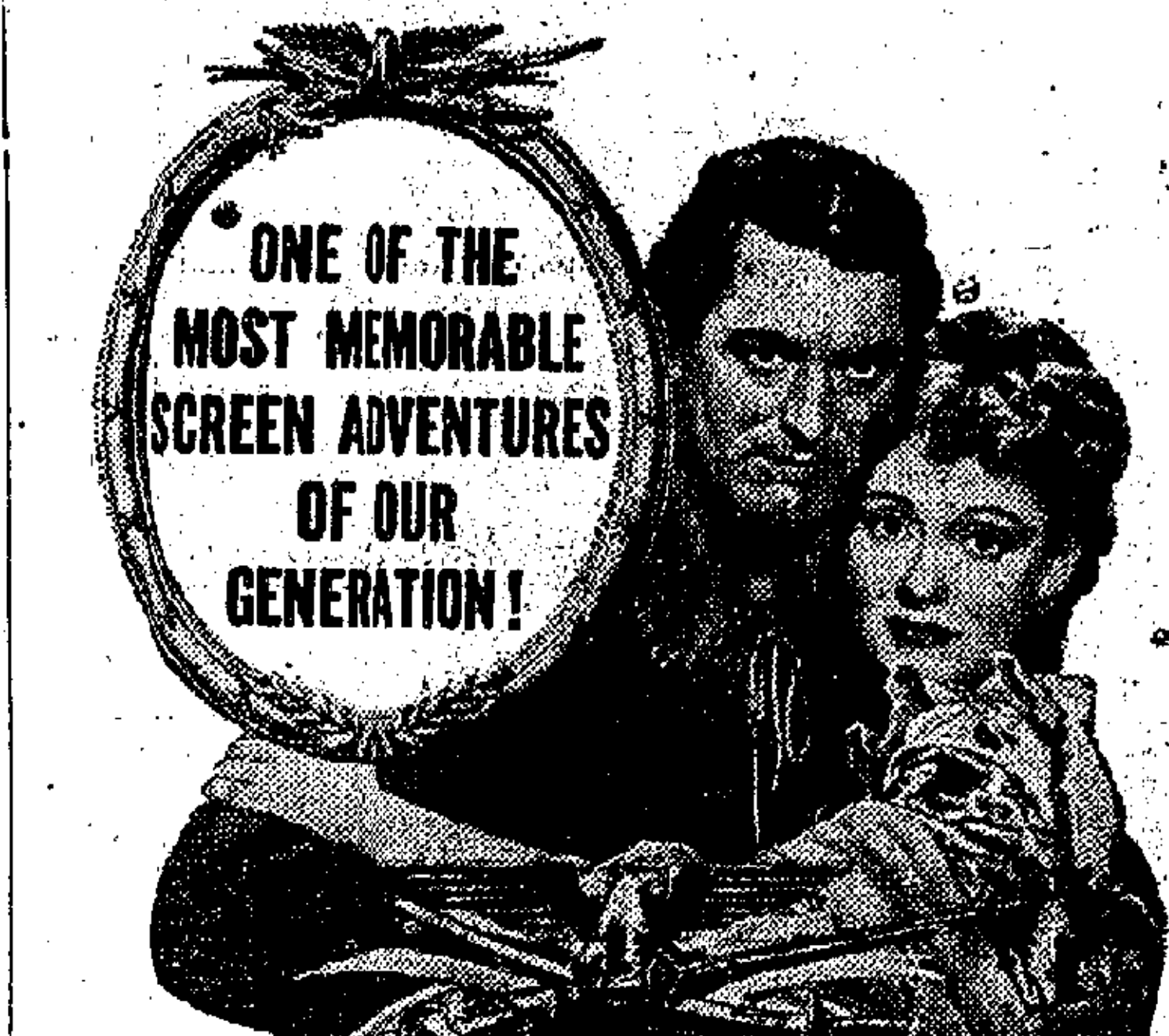
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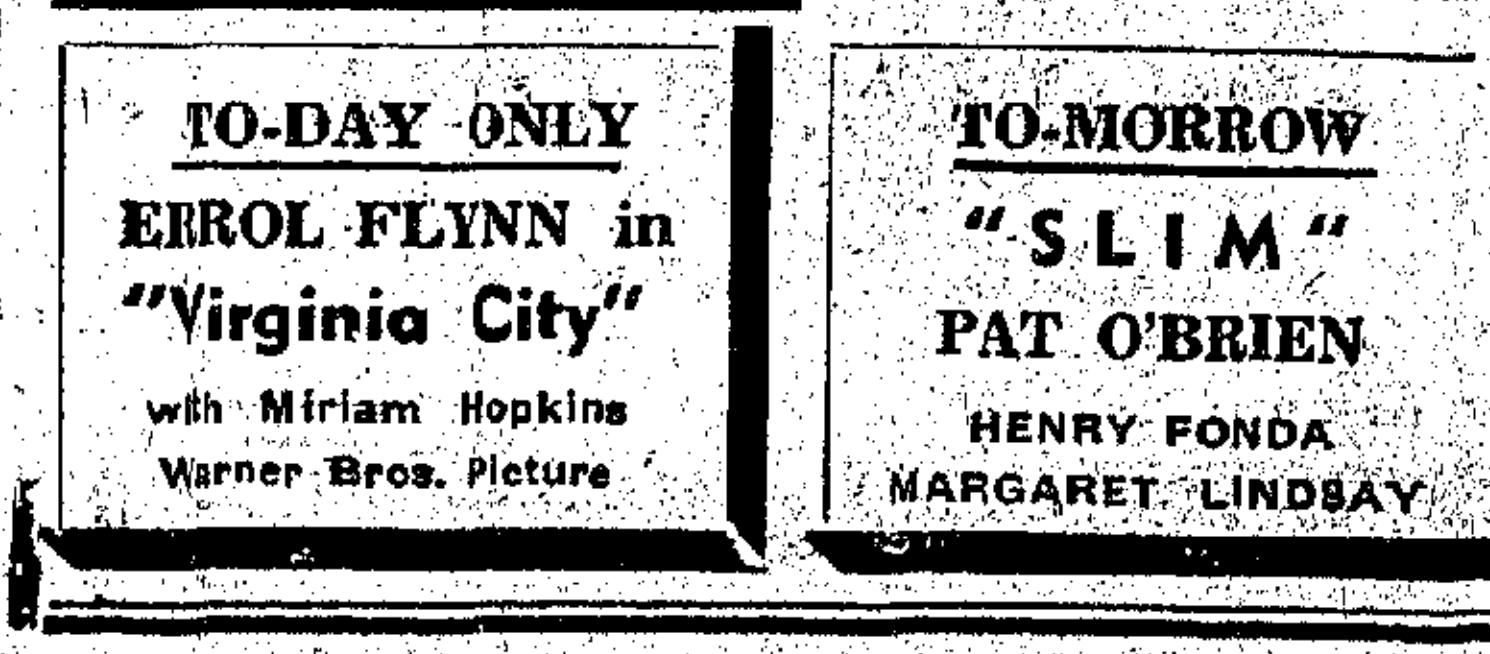


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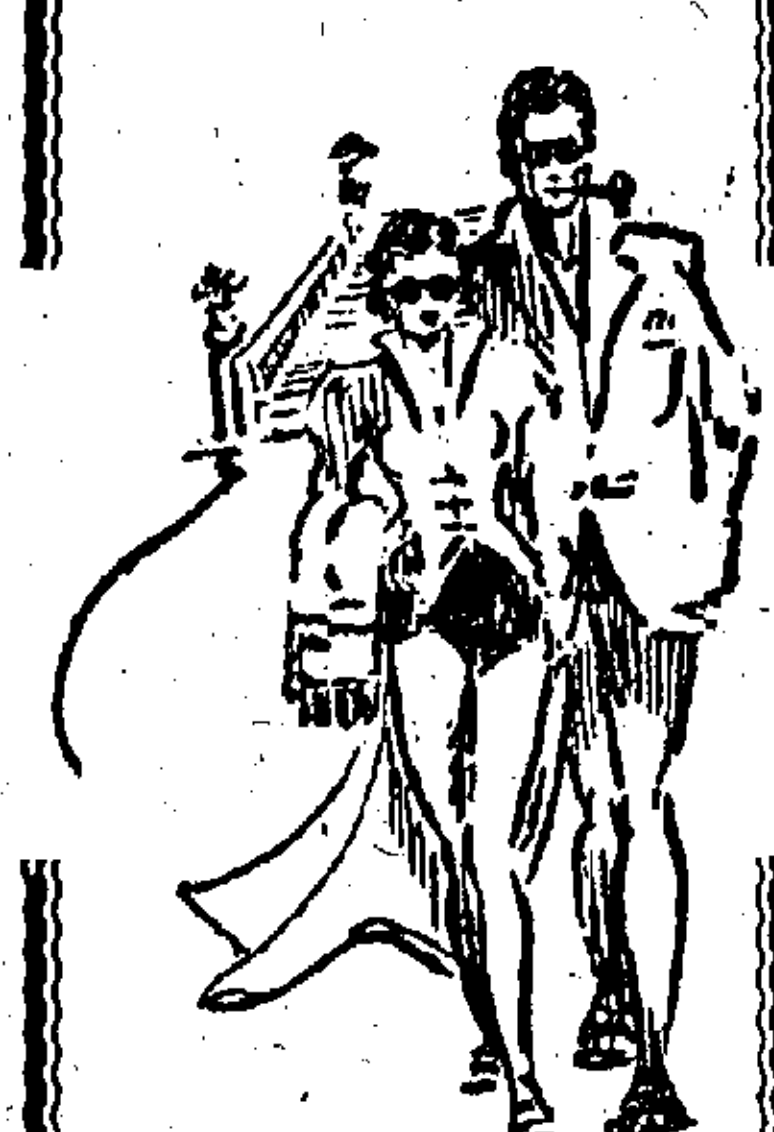
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# THE SECRET FEAR

"It is strange," Marie Bridges said thoughtfully, as she tied the red dahlia more firmly to its stake, "that Adele does not seem to have the faintest desire to dance. In fact, there does not seem any inclination for self-expression in any form."

"It is just as well," her husband replied, as he stood watching her deft fingers; "makes it so much easier for us, doesn't it?"

Then, at something in his face, she forsook the dahlia and slipped a hand through his arm.

"You're getting tired of rust-cating, George?"

"Yes, very tired. But then, so are you. No, don't fib! I've guessed all along. But, of course, you expected to? You didn't imagine that, after the novelty of feeding new chicks and picking ripe peaches had worn off, you'd really like a life like this?"

She laughed. "Of course I didn't. But I'm glad you guessed how I feel. I never would have confessed! As for you—it is terrible!"

He shrugged. "We've thrashed all this out before. And I still think we were right. We owe it to Adele. Every child needs quiet, fresh air, the right environment. After all, we had our fling. And we did what few artists do—revel at our zenith, put our money into something concrete. No wearing-out of welcome, being forced into second-rate jobs, poverty, shabbiness. And always the secret fear that it was the wrong life for our girl, for Adele, that we could offer her no other future than the stage."

Marie sighed. "Of course we're right. If all artists with children considered them—did what we are doing—"

He laughed queerly. "Why, they'd break their hearts. But we—"

"We have Adele."

They went round the path of the garden that was their pride, past a clump of poinsettias, past the trellis on which early grapes clustered among the wide leaves. The fronds of the bananae rustled in a warm and gentle wind. On the slope behind the house old Murdoch was pottering about among his rows of pineapples. By his side, outlined in the late afternoon sun, stood a little figure in a school nanette, white blouse, and navy tunic, tan shoes and stockings. Every afternoon about this time Adele came home from school in Brisbane by train. She had taken to the famlet as a duck takes to water, revelled in the outdoor life. At the moment she had not noticed her parents, nor had they seen her.

"Look, Murdy."

Murdoch half-turned, still intent with his turning. "What've you got there?"

"A magazine. Oh, such pictures, Murdy! Just take a peep at this girl. Look at her long skirt! All frills!"

Murdy went on with his hoeing. "Hm, that'll be one o' them three-skirts! Foolish things. Are you going to put that up in your cubby-house?"

"Yes, and I've got some pictures Susie Lane tore out of a physical culture magazine her brother gets. She had to smuggle them into her satchel because her mother doesn't believe in people wearing so few clothes. She's like my mummy."

Again she thrust something out for his inspection, and again he turned half-heartedly. "Are those the pictures? I can't see without my glasses, my dear. What are they? Something white and crooked. Gum-trees?"

"Oh, Murdy! They're girls— lovely girls! Dancing out of the waves on to the sand. Just like mermaids without tails. See this one with the hair all blown back? I wish I were like her! But what sort of people are they really, Murdy?"

Murdy blinked, pondered, and rubbed the stubble on his chin. He never read anything except the local paper, and he was extremely hazy on nudes.

"I dunno rightly. But they ought to be down-right ashamed of themselves running' round like that without their bathers. Maybe they're some sort of gods, like in very olden times—they wasn't too pertickler, I've heard. Yes, goddesses, that's what they are!"

He looked at the child for a moment, doubtfully. "I dunno as your ma would care for you to have 'em around."

But Adele had darted off downhill. He knew where she was going. Under a low trellis over which she had trained a trumpet-vine she had made a sort of house. In there she kept personal treasures of all kinds. No one disturbed her there. Only Murdy saw her at play. One day he had caught her—but there, she'd started like a scared rabbit, and clung to his arm, had begged him not to tell. So he'd never mentioned it to any one. Not that there was any harm in it, bless her! Children loved fun and frolic. But her parents were so "pertickler" that Murdy felt they would not have approved.

How quiet she was now. The old man straightened his back, and, shouldering his hoe, went down the slope. For all his years he was active, and moved quietly, so that Adele did not hear him come up to the "cubby-hole," nor did she see him. But he saw Adele, with the glow of the sunset full on her chestnut curls, and a rapt expression on her face. She had propped the pictures on a box which served as a table, and sat back on her heels looking at them.

How beautiful they were— chains of girls with hair out-blown by the salt wind, with garlands about them and their bodies half-veiled in sun-shot mist and foam! They looked so happy there, dancing! What poise, what grace! These thoughts, dimly forming in the child-mind, kept her for a long while in a brown study. There she sat on her heels, with the trumpet-flowers trembling overhead, and gazed and gazed. Old Murdy shook his head and went on, musing. She was a queer little thing, all for life and frolic! Sometimes he fancied that, for all her colour and playfulness, she seemed starved of something that she should have. It was a pity her parents were so stodgy and staid. They ought to give a child like her lessons in music, elocution. She ought to be taught to dance.

George, hovering in the doorway of the bedroom, hesitated, conscious of a rapid chill down his spine. The odour of naphthalene pervaded the air, and, leaning over an old trunk which she had not opened for many months, stood Marie, her hands full of silver tissue and blue founcing. The frothy stuff cascaded to her knees as she held it up to the



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light, eyes and fingers caressing it. Her cheeks were flushed, eyes afloat.

"It would have been better to burn it all," George told her. "What's the use keeping it about? It's like having a corpse in the house."

She wheeled round with a gasp, then sank down beside the trunk. He thought she was going to cry. Gently he took the tulle from her limp fingers and pushed it back among the medley of net, spangles, metal fringes and spikeneeled shoes. As gently he sat down the lid and sat on it, stroking her hair.

"Marie, why be always harking back? It can do no good. We gave it all up for her. The life's over for ever."

"I know."

"Well?"

"But this!" Despairingly she waved a hand. "Sometimes I think we haven't done right, after all. How could a daughter of ours like this? Drab! No outlook, no outlet. Saturday tennis, ladies' guild, school concerts—" She choked on the words. "Perhaps she'll dance at the school concert. I didn't think you could be bitter when it's for Adele. She'll be happy, knowing nothing else. That's why we came out of the world—our world—so she could have her chance. Think of the struggle we had—the first year! Would you like her to go through that?"

"She wouldn't have to," Marie's eyes flashed; fiercely she rose from the floor and confronted him. "She has us—and we know the ropes, we have strings to pull. It wouldn't be the same battle at all. With the training we could give her, she couldn't help doing well. London—the Continent—America! Oh, George! Are we denying her all that?"

He rose. She thought he moved stiffly, as though he were ageing. Only that morning at breakfast she had noticed how grey his hair was at the temples, and how the lines about his eyes were increasing. Swiftly penitent, she flew to him, hung on his arm.

"Darling, I'm sorry. But it's harder for me, I think. Men adapt themselves so easily."

"Do they?"

Before she could prevent him he had swung away with a shrug. But out in the passage he turned back, and his voice seemed more serene: "I forgot what I came for. Murdy says the boy is here with that pup for Adele—a little Alsatian. He's a beauty! We thought you'd like to come and see him."

"Of course."

She heard his footsteps going down the back stairs, dragging a little. Then she drifted to her room for her hat, which hung on a peg near George's dressing-room. As she reached up for it, she chanced to glance within. To her surprise, it was all in disorder. George, usually so tidy in his habits, had left one of his drawers open, and his wardrobe. And all over the subtle there flowed a perfect avalanche of photographs. Surely not stage photographs? She went in quickly.

Yes! All the old pictures! Why on earth...? There was Slantini, the tenor, his signature a signboard in itself. Here was Lucette Borden, the soprano, and the little danseuse, Odette, who had taken London by storm, and then poisoned herself. And there was Slater—a good old Harry! A fine comrade even if he did get drunk as a lord. Marie went through them excitedly. Darling Hettie Chambers, who was doing so well in New York; Yvonne Castles, now in Paris, after Berlin and Madrid. Slantini had just done Covent Garden, and his wife—where would she be? Dears, both of them, only they simply could not agree! And here was Baby Travers, who had played Little Trouble in "Madame Butterfly." And Connie and Cecil and Jim.

Suddenly she threw them down in a heap, and the tears rushed to her eyes. Poor old George! So he had been "harking back" too! After all, was their sacrifice worth while? Would it achieve any-

## SHORT STORY

By  
**E. M. England**

But George had already moved off. Marie followed. They went through the pineapples, past the trumpet-vine, and on to the bank of the creek. It was a narrow stream, but pretty. Once out of the pines they did not call. A strange restraint fell on them.

"It's queer," George muttered. "Where can she be? Can anything have happened?"

Fear clutched them both. On the same impulse they began to run down the bank, leaped the creek and started up the other side. Once up the bank they paused, hand clutching hand in a hard, nervous grip.

Adele was there—dancing! Unlatched, unrestrained, yet with the grace of a fairy, she advanced, sprouted, sank down in the slowest of curtsies. She seemed unable to tumble, to go clumsily. It was all so effortless so free, so joyous, and yet there was such delicacy and poise, that the man and woman stood watching breathless. But they did not watch for long, as though sensing their presence, the child turned and saw them. The colour drained from her face. She seemed to shrink visibly.

Marie sprang forward, arms out-stretched. "George on her heels. 'Darling, did we frighten you?'"

Adele trembled in the encircling arms. "No, oh no! But it's just that I didn't like being caught." Startled out of her reserve, the child raced on, stammering in her excitement. "I suppose it looks silly... but I just love dancing. I often come here to dance, where people don't see me. Oh, mummy—daddy—you don't mind, do you?"

"Mind?"

Marie laughed up into George's face, and George laughed down at them both. In the distance they heard the pup barking, and Murdy trying to quieten him.

"You weren't quiet right in that curtsy," Marie said. "The left foot, see—like this—so!"

"And the poutette..." began George.

The perspiring Murdy, back at the kennel, looked round him perplexedly.

"Dad it, where are they all? She can't have gone that far. They must be found her by now. I bet they don't scold her. She's only a bit of a kid, and she does love to dance. There, you little beast. At last! I'd take ten men to tie up a 'ound like you. Well, and now I suppose I'll have to go and fetch all three!"

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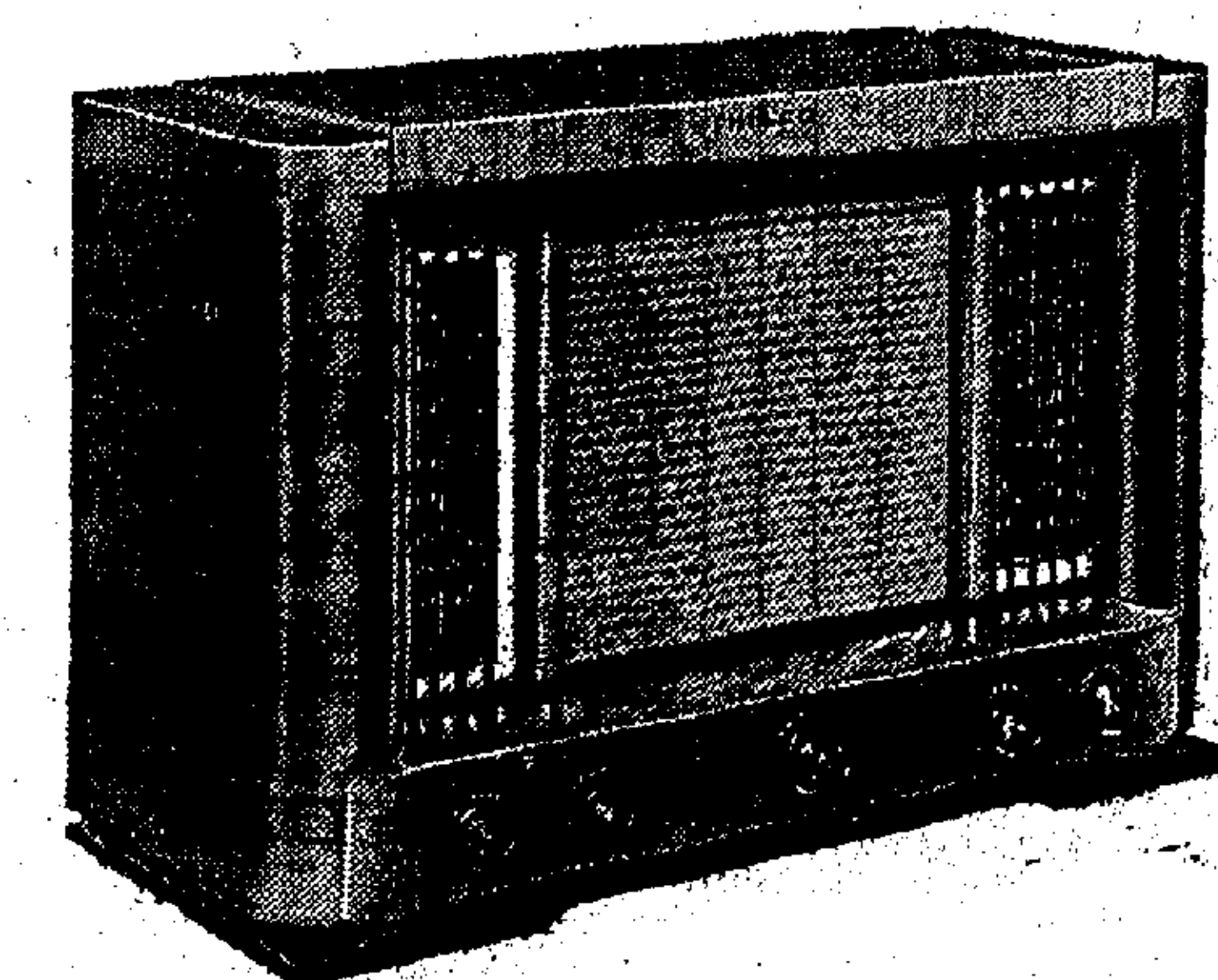
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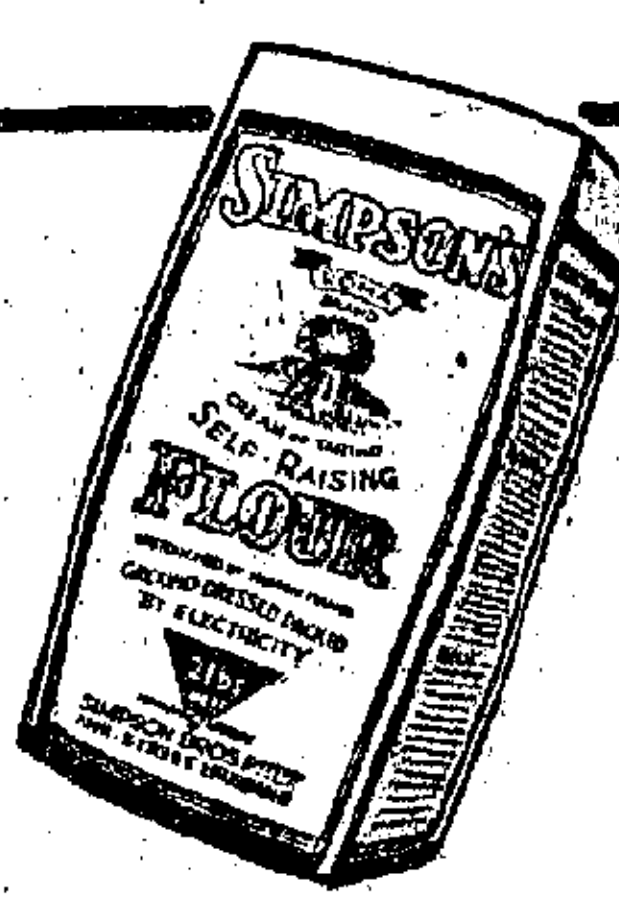
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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,000.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 421	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 421	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 422	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 422	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. 423	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 423	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 424	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 424	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 425	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 425	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 426	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 426	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. 427	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 427	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 428	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 428	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 429	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 429	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 430	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 430	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 431	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 431	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. 432	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 432	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. 433	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 433	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. 434	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 434	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$401.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. 435	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 435	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 436	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 436	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 437	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 437	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 438	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 438	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 439	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 439	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 440	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 440	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 441	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 441	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 442	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 442	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 443	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 443	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 444	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 444	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 445	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 445	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 446	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 446	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 447	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 447	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 448	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 448	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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No. 449	100	Kowloon Island Lot No. 449	As per sale plan	1,225	\$28	\$30,500

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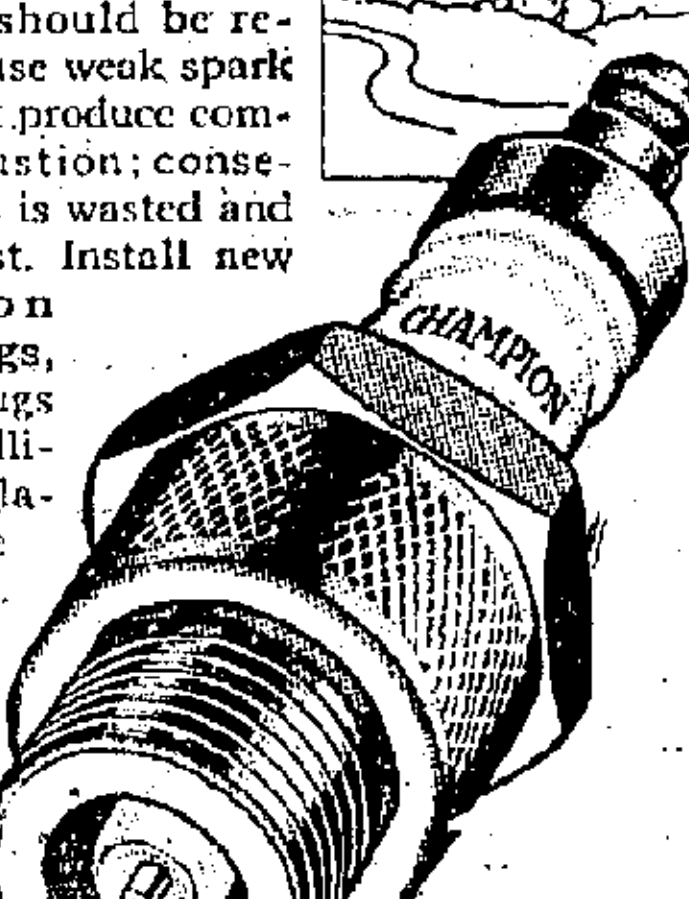
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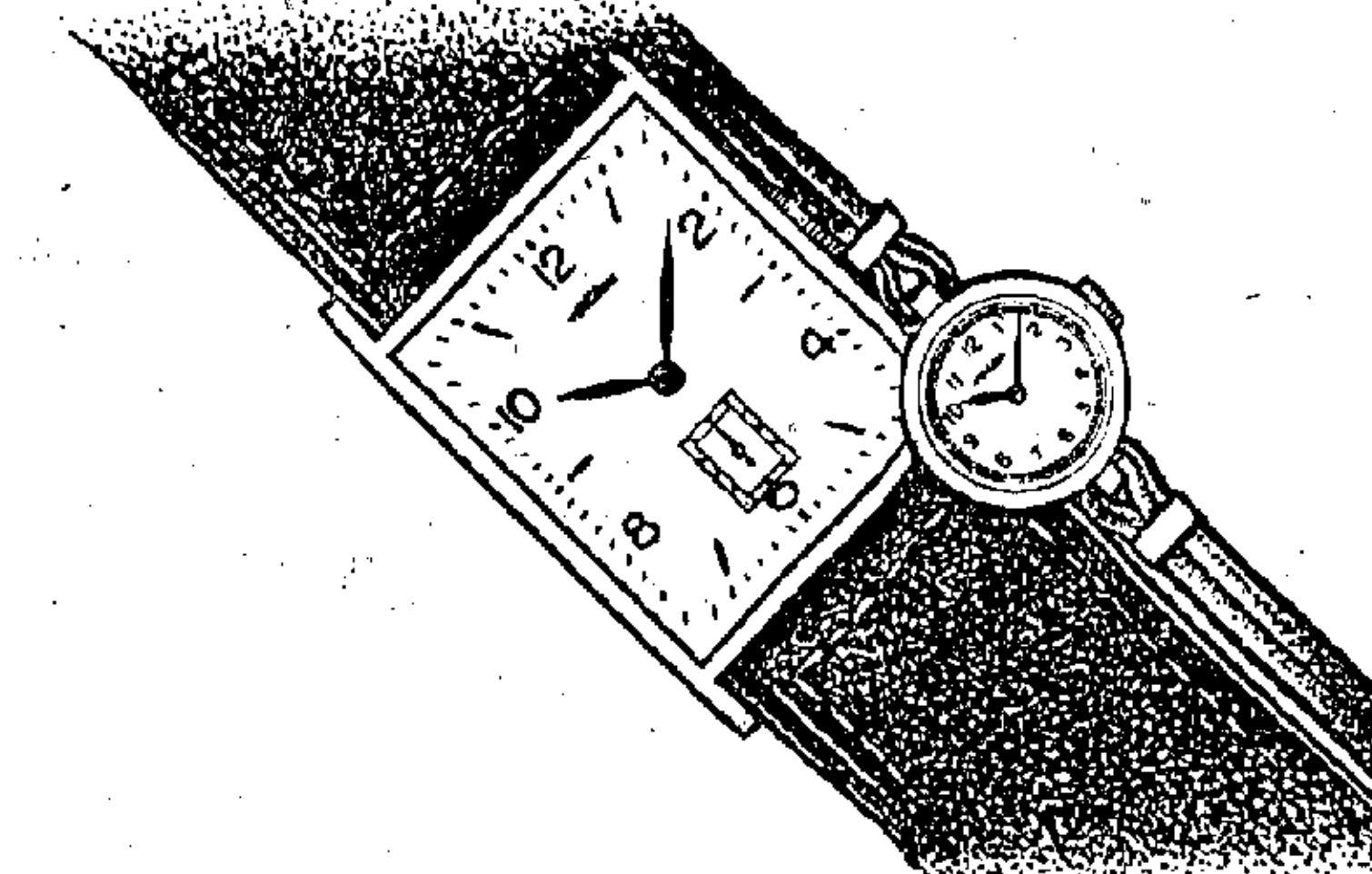


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# WALLY CHING'S BIG EFFORT FAILS TO SAVE S. CHINA

## Records Season's First Official No-Hitter Sappers No Match For Mindanao: Side Collapse In Sixth

By "Grandstand"

JUMPING ON HURLER MIKE SANSFIELD FOR EIGHT BLOWS, THE MERRY MINDANAOANS TRAMPLED OVER ROYAL ENGINEERS 12 TO 1 IN YESTERDAY'S CURTAIN-RAISER, WHILEST CHUNG HWA NOSED OUT SOUTH CHINA BY A 6 TO 5 TALLY IN THE FIRST EXTRA INNING CONTEST OF THE SEASON IN THE NIGHT-CAP. THE GAME, WHICH WENT ALL THE WAY FOR NINE CROWDED INNINGS, WAS FEATURED BY SOUTH CHINA HURLER WALLY CHING'S NO-HITTER FOR THE FULL REGULATION DISTANCE OF SEVEN INNINGS.

Sappers trailed behind by a flimsy margin for five chapters, but their defence cracked wide open in the sixth, when the Mindanaoans bunched up three blows, assisted by three clinkers, to produce a cluster of seven markers, which put the game on ice.

Henry "Muddy" Ruel toed the rubber for the Minnies and doled out a scratch single, whiffed seven and issued two passes to first, whilst Mike Sansfield fanned three and walked three. Engineers chalked up their first and only tally when Taylor, inaugurating the initial frame for Sappers, drew a pass on the gray train after plate umpire Bernie Johnson pronounced Ruel's first four pitches as "balls." Taylor burgled second and dented the counting station as Bob Foley grounded out to first.

The bluejackets took the lead from the start with two tallies in each of the first and third innings. Added another in the fifth, and rolled off three blows in the sixth to clinch the game.

Ski Powlawski, who was having a holiday holding down the initial book, plied out two triples and a double in his four trips to the plate to take batting honours for the day.

South China's pitcher, Wally Ching, in setting down 12 Chung Hwa men in the strikeout route, was credited with the first official no-hitter of the season.

ROYAL ENGINEERS	H.	R.	E.
Taylor	0	1	3
Shaw	0	0	1
Fox	0	0	0
Foley	0	0	0
Ratcliffe	0	0	0
Sansfield	0	0	2
Wells	0	0	1
Gray	0	0	0
Welford	0	0	0
Cork	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

U.S.S. MINDANAO	H.	R.	E.
E. V. Wilson	1	3	0
Ruel	2	1	0
Powlawski	3	3	2
Macewan	1	1	0
M. Wilson	0	0	0
Bowersox	0	1	1
Kennard	0	1	0
Vaughan	0	1	0
Groneck	0	1	0
Moore	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>

Although the Caroliners out-hit the Chung Hwa Maroons, two costly errors in the second frame gave the Laumen a valuable lead which they maintained right up to the seventh inning, when hurler Al Lau threw one into the dirt for Harry "Gaby" Chinn to scamper over the plate to knot the count 5-5.

In the first over-time inning both sides couldn't push over the rubber. Chung Hwa leaving the tie-breaker on second as Al Lau popped out to Nelson Ma. In the ninth Harry Chinn fumbled Bill Chang's easy roller to put a man on base. Bucky Ho took

### SOFTBALL PLAYER WEDS

Miss Zava Lee, Chung Hwa Ladies' softball player, was married at Kowloon Union Church yesterday to Mr. Herbert Tong. There was a large attendance, including many of the Colony's lady softball players, at the reception which was held in the Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel later in the afternoon.

Miss Lee was pitcher as well as first and second base for her team at one time or another.

## TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS FOR MACAO

By "Rapier"

Race No. 1  
COCKLEDO  
ANGEL OF GLORY  
Outsider: Double Finesse.

Race No. 2  
HIGH HAT  
SUBPENA  
RISING STAR  
Outsider: Buckfastleigh.

Race No. 3  
LANCASHIRE LASS  
OSCAR ZYLCH  
ODON  
Outsider: Blue Field.

Race No. 4  
PIET HEIN  
MAJ. ADVENTURE  
RADIUM STAR  
Outsider: King's Worthy.

Race No. 5  
EVE OF HUNTING  
PORTURISH  
WEST LAKE  
Outsider: Boolat Bay.

Race No. 6  
THE MERMAID  
HOPEFUL TIME  
EAGLE  
Outsider: National Liberty.

### STAR PITCHER RETURNS

Richard Shim, who played baseball for South China when they won the League in 1922-23, and who is regarded as one of the finest pitchers ever to have played in the Colony, has just returned from a prolonged visit to the United States. When he was at Oregon University, Shim represented that institution both at baseball and American football.

Civil Service Cricket Club will be playing R.A. on Saturday next, when most of the C.S.C.C. League players will be turning out. It is understood that these friendly matches will be quite a feature of the C.S.C.C. tennis programme this summer.

Mrs. G. G. Lee, who as Miss Jean Mark captained the Hong Kong women's basketball team, is now the proud mother of a bonny baby boy, the happy event taking place at the Hong Kong Sanatorium on Sunday, June 8.

Owners of 415 greyhounds have booked entries for races in 1942 and 1943 at Wimbledon.

## LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Mindanao	2	0	1.000
Asheville	1	0	1.000
Chung Hwa	1	0	1.000
Engineers	1	1	.500
H. B.	0	1	.000
H. K. B. C.	0	1	.000
South China	0	2	.000

## C.R.C. TENNIS WIN

At Happy Valley last Tuesday, C.R.C. "2" beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½ in a "C" Division Tennis League game, hitherto unreported, the scores being:

1st Tak-shuek and Wong Shiu-wing (C.R.C.) beat W. J. Howard and K. L. Woon 6-4  
2nd G. Lal and A. Kitchell beat Lee W. Kei and J. W. Leonard 6-3  
3rd Ng Kam-chuen and P. R. Choy (C.R.C.) beat Howard and Woon 6-4  
4th beat Lal and Kitchell 6-1  
5th lost to Kei and Leonard 6-2  
6th Hon. Luen-fung and Lam Yuk-ying (C.R.C.) beat Howard and Woon 6-2  
7th beat Lal and Kitchell 6-4  
8th lost to Kei and Leonard 3-6

### WEEK'S TENNIS

Following are the week's League tennis fixtures:

TO-MORROW  
First Division: C.R.C. v. C.R.C.; H.K.C.C. v. C.D.R.; K.C.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

TUESDAY  
Second Division: C.R.C. v. K.C.C.; K.T.C.A. v. C.S.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v. A.T.C.

WEDNESDAY  
Third Division: C.D.A. v. K.I.T.C.; A.T.C. v. C.R.C. (2); K.T.C.A. v. K.C.C.; C.R.C. (1) v. I.R.C.; H.K.U.T.C. v. S.C.A.A.

THURSDAY  
Fourth Division: A.T.C. v. C.C.C.; P.O.R.C. (1) v. S.C.A.A.; J.R.C. v. Philippine Club; C.B.A. v. P.O.R.C. (2); I.R.C. v. C.R.C.

Playing at home on Friday night in a friendly hockey match on roller skates, Kowloon Skating Rink beat "C" Royal Scots, by 5 goals to 1, after leading by the odd goal in three.

E. B. Nenak (2), Robert Cheung and Ng Samming scored for the winners, while the losers' only goal was netted through Scott.

There will be a Water-polo Referees' Class with backboard instruction at the Y.M.C.A. pool on Wednesday next at 7.30 p.m.

D. Mitchell, Royal Navy, will be representing Royal Naval Recreation Club on the Council of Hong Kong Football Association in place of Lieut. H. Cooper, who has left the Colony.

There are 12 Test match players among the cricketers in the Bradford League. They are: Constantine and Jim Smith with Windhill; George Pope, Smith (Derbyshire), Parker and Dyson with Light Green; Cossan, Alf Pope, L. Townsend with Saltire; Martindale and Keaton with Bingley; Painter with Kedgeley; Wood with Undercliffe; and Barber with Brighouse.

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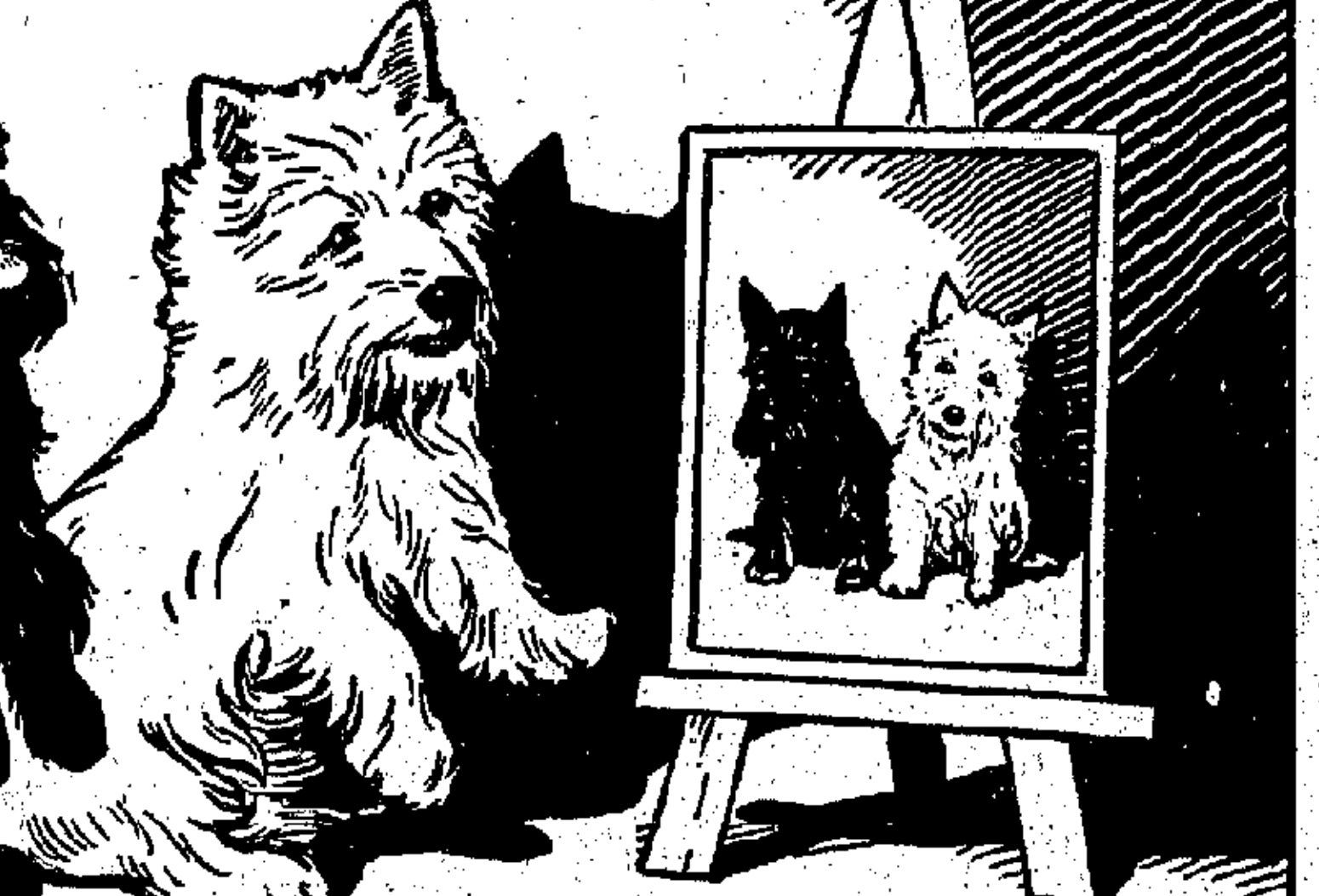
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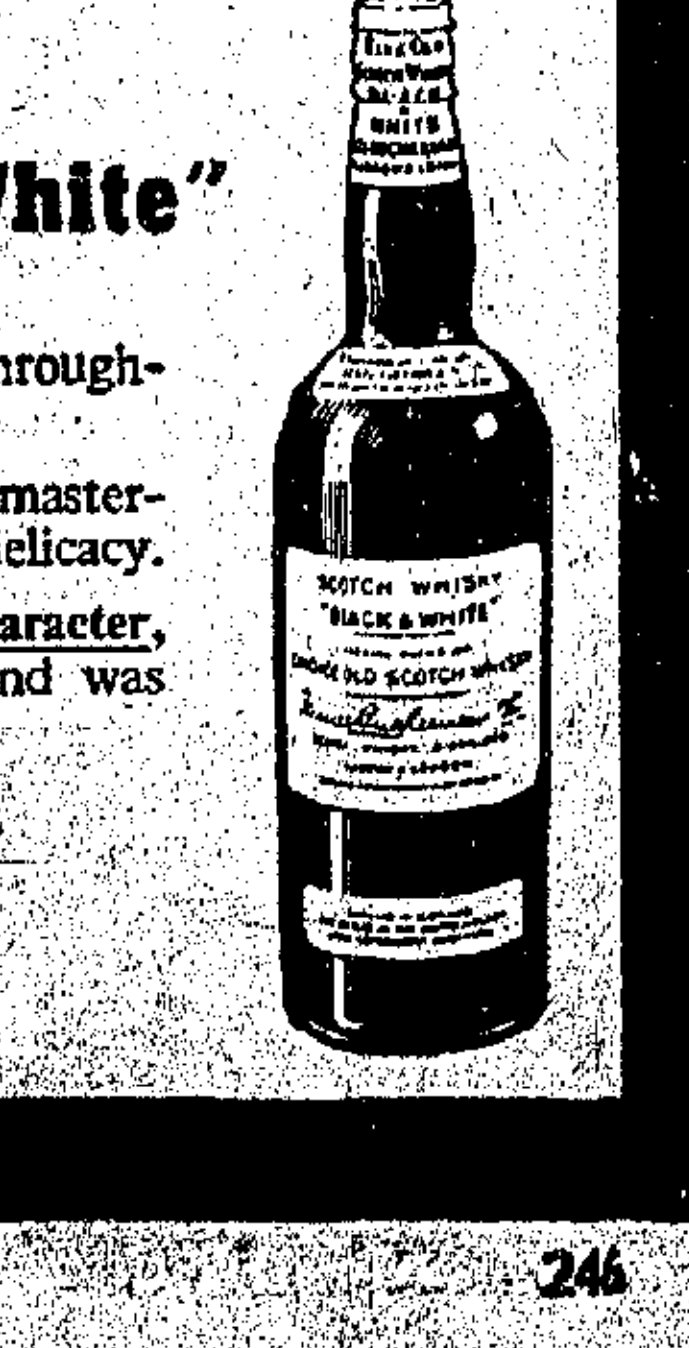
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By "Grandstand"

HONG KONG BREWERS TANGLE WITH U.S.S. ASHEVILLE AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE ONLY BASEBALL TUSSELE SLATED FOR TO-DAY, WITH GRANDPA LEUNG CALLING THE STRIKES AND BALLS AND CHUCK WAGGONER AND NIP LUM CALLING THE PLAYS AROUND THE SACKS.

After the disappointing show put up by the Brewers last week, the Leonardmen must dish out a better brand of ball for their supporters to regain their confidence, which suffered a rude shock last week, when the Beermen were shaded by the Mindanao.

The infield, which was considered well nigh impregnable, was guilty of no less than five errors, all of which could have been avoided but for the jittery which attacked them right from the start.

Having beaten the Mighty "A" recently in a pre-season friendly, the high-riding Brewers will start this tilt with the odds in their favour, but there's an old baseball adage which goes to say that "anything can happen in a game."

Change Of Pace

Although it seems that H.B. ace, Ringer Mader, "Slim" Arculli's handling curves have been solved, there's a change of pace in the air. It is a good chance that his slants will puzzle the Asheville swingers, since they have not yet got accustomed to this tilt.

his change of pace, but a lot in foxing the batters, will depend on jacksman Oscar Arculli, who will be donning harness behind the platter.

Skipper Dave "Bambino" Leonard, sparkling of the team, is not taking a chance and will field the strongest line-up with Stan "Power-house" Leonard holding the initial catch.

Tony "Peewee" Alves and George Souza seemed to team up very well in their last few games, and will probably be the key-division combination with the Big Bam himself guarding the hot corner.

Hank Al Jindoo Hussain and Baby Abba will form the fly-chasing gathering trio, whilst Lefty Joe Bowen and Cyclone Baker will be standing by to hit in the pinches.

"The men from the Mighty "A" having tasted blood by taking their first points last week at the expense of the Mohawks, are a-rarin' to take the Leonardmen for a ride to chalk up their second victory of the season. In view of the fact that Lefty Chinn failed to hold the Brewery Bombers in their previous scuffle, it is more than likely that mentor Woods will start his right-handed ace Sawyer on the hill in this tilt.







## V.R.C. HOLD FIRST SWIMMING GALA OF THE SEASON

Victoria Recreation Club held their first swimming gala of the season last night, and all the events provided extremely close finishes.

## TWO GOOD AQUATIC GALAS THIS MONTH

Two swimming galas that should prove of exceptional interest have been fixed for the end of the month. On Saturday, June 22, European Y.M.C.A. will meet Hong Kong University, and on the following Monday, June 30, the Government Inter-Departmental gala will be held.

An interesting programme of events has been arranged for the Saturday gala, and a good standard should be met by both teams. The Y.M.C.A. will have Hutchinson, B. S. Wilson, A. E. May and N. D. Booker among others, while University will be able to call on Charles Huang, Shandou, titleholder, A. V. Ozon, W. S. Gega, Kenneth Lo, and Algenon Ho.

The Government gala will take place at the "Y" pool at 9 p.m. and will be in aid of the Bomber Fund, Police, P.W.D. and Prisoners' Recreation, and Harbour, Urban Council, Medical and Education, and C.S.O. Small Units will be taking part.

## SWIMMING STALE-MATE

With the transfer of the outstanding swimmers from the various Chinese clubs to Sing Tao Sports Club, competitive swimming at the North Point Club is almost at a standstill.

Without their best swimmers, these clubs are unable to compete with any hope of success against Sing Tao, while Sing Tao are as yet unable to entertain teams at galas as they have no swimming pool.

## V.R.C. MEETING ON TUESDAY

A meeting of club representatives will be held at Victoria Recreation Club on Tuesday to discuss final arrangements and the programme for the Charity Swimming gala between Combined V.R.C. and European Y.M.C.A. and Combined Chinese Clubs next month.

## COTTAGE CLUB RIDE POSTPONED

Owing to the unsuitable weather, the Cottage Club ride to Limmahung, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed until next Saturday, June 21.



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## Y.M.C.A. WATER-POLO HOPES ARE UPHELD

### Standard Improvement Already Apparent

## EASTERN'S DOUBLE FIGURES

Eastern scored the biggest win of their Australian tour yesterday when they beat Victoria at Melbourne by 10 goals to 2. Reuter, 50 for Eastern have won three of the four games played. They lost to New South Wales in the first match by 6 goals to 4, and in Sydney beat a South Coast team 4-2 and Granville 7-4.

## CONN TO FIGHT JOE LOUIS

Joe Louis will defend his World Heavyweight boxing title for the 18th time on Wednesday, June 18.

Unlike many previous fights, it now seems he has a worthy challenger in Billy Conn, from Pittsburgh, who last achieved fame as a lightweight.

Conn reports he now weighs 13 stone, and Louis is expected to scale 14 stone 4 lbs.

It is expected Conn will give the champion a hard battle.

Louis has usually started Championship fights with odds of anything up to 10 to 1, but this time the odds are only 5 to 1—Reuter.

## SMITH ISSUES CHALLENGE

A CHALLENGE FOR HIS BRITISH AND EMPIRE FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE HAS BEEN SENT NED TARTLETON ON BEHALF OF TOMMY SMITH, SUNDERLAND BOXER WHO BEAT THE CHAMPION IN AN OVERWEIGHT MATCH THIS YEAR, THOUGH HE LOST IN 1940 WHEN TARTLETON DEFENDED HIS TITLE.

Suggested venue is Newcastle but it is understood the Liverpool promoter, Johnny Best, would like to stage the fight in the open air at a football ground in Liverpool.

Tartleton is interested in the challenge which was accompanied by a substantial offer—Reuter.

## LEADING CUEISTS TO MEET

A billiards and snooker exhibition in aid of the British War Organisation Fund will be held at Club de Recreio, Kowloon, on Friday, June 27, not June 26 as previously arranged, commencing at 8.45 p.m.

The programme will be: Billiards match (200 points) up between A. J. Osmund, Colony champion, and E. D. Bush, Shanghai champion.

Snooker match (three frames) between A. P. Percival Jr., Colony champion, and M. N. Rakusen, Civil Service Cricket Club.

An exhibition of fancy and trick shots by C. Terran.

Tickets at \$2 and \$1 are obtainable at all clubs.

## BUSH SETS THE BALL ROLLING

It is understood that E. D. Bush, former billiards champion of Shanghai, who is to meet the Colony champion, A. J. Osmund, at Club de Recreio in an exhibition game in aid of the B.W.O.F. in the near future, has been doing most of his practicing at the South China Athletic Association's billiards rooms in China Building.

In this connection it is interesting to note that although the S.C.A.A. only hold billiards and snooker tournaments during the winter, keenness amongst members of the Association, as the result of the forthcoming exhibition game, has been tremendously stirred, and there is already some talk about a "Summer" tournament for non prize-winners.

## HONG KONG ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION?

The Athletic Section of European Y.M.C.A. held a meeting on Friday, when the season's activities were discussed, and it was agreed that, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a meeting of all clubs should be called to discuss the formation of an Athletic Association.

Mr. G. Treverton, Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, will be leaving hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. Treverton seriously injured his back when he was thrown by his pony during the morning training gallops at the Valley recently.

## SIGNALS HEADING TABLE WITH 100 PER CENT. RECORD

EXCELLENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. INVITATION WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT AND SO FAR SOME 35 MATCHES HAVE BEEN PLAYED, ALTHOUGH THE TOURNAMENT DID NOT OPEN OFFICIALLY UNTIL MAY 20.

The objects with which the tournament was started are principally to promote a better standard and teach comparative beginners to apply the real interpretation of the rules. It can truthfully be said that several teams, notably Royal Scots "B", Middlesex "B", Navy "B" and Combined Small Units have shown considerable improvement.

One snag has been the scarcity of competent referees, and consequently a small group have had to carry the League. The inauguration of a referees' class with demonstration games and black-board discussions should help considerably towards relieving the situation. First of these classes will be held next Wednesday evening at European Y.M.C.A., under the directions of the tournament chairman and committee.

In connection with the interpretation of some of the rules, satisfactory progress has been made by the committee in the matter of eliminating ambiguous wording.

Feature of the tournament thus far has been the very fine spirit shown by all the participants, the cheerfulness showing a pleasant ability not to rub it in with letting the other side know they are being let off, and the rabbits coming up cheerfully for more, however badly they have been beaten.

Next year, when several new teams are expected to enter, it is almost certain that the teams will be segregated into two divisions, which should have the effect of making the competitions very open.

**Souvenirs Decision**  
It was decided at the outset that the most successful team in the tournament would receive souvenirs.

Next year, even better idea has struck the organisers and in addition to the experts getting their souvenirs, similar prizes will be awarded members of the team considered by the Water-Polo Committee to have shown the most improvement. The position of the team in the table or their goal average, of course, will have no bearing on the selection of the team for the latter award.

**Remaining Fixtures**  
Following additional tournament fixtures have been announced:

**TO-DAY**  
European Y.M.C.A. v 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 11 a.m.; Middlesex "A" v 36th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 1.30 a.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. v 30th Battery, R.A. (Navy pool) 2.30 p.m.

**TO-MORROW**  
Navy "A" v Royal Scots "B" (Navy pool) 2.30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17**  
Royal Corps of Signals v Navy "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19**  
Navy "A" v Navy ("Navy pool) 6 p.m.; European Y.M.C.A. v Navy "C" (Navy pool) 6.30 p.m.; Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Combined Small Units v 36th Battery, R.A. (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. ("Y" pool) 7.15 p.m.; Royal Scots "B" v 10th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**  
8th Coastal Regt. R.A. v 95th Battery, R.A. (Army pool) 12 Noon.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22**  
8th Coastal Regt. R.A. v Navy "C" (Navy pool) 11 a.m.; 95th Battery, R.A. v 36th Battery, R.A. (Navy pool) 1.30 a.m.; 8th A.A. Regt. R.A. v Middlesex "A" ("Y" pool) 11 a.m.; European Y.M.C.A. v Middlesex "B" ("Y" pool) 11.30 a.m.; Navy "B" v Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 11 a.m.; Royal Scots "B" v Combined Small Units (Army pool) 11.30 a.m.

**GREEN AND WHITE TEAM WIN EASILY**  
Demonstrating more skill and better combination, "Green and White" quintet overwhelmed a side representing Kowloon Skating Rink by 18 points to 18 in the first match of the "Kam Shing" Cup Basketball League series last night at Kowloon Skating Rink, after leading 15-9 at the end of the first half.

Following were the detailed scores: "Green and White"—Leung Lam (8), Ko Chi (28), Ho Ying (1), and Au Ping (2).

Kowloon Skating Rink—E. N. Nank (4), Chan Lim-kut (4), Chan Pui-kam (2), Chan Kwok-leung (2), Fung Chack-hung (2) and Tam Man-pui (2).

**INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL**  
Han Wah Middle School beat Hing Sang College by 48 points to 38 in an Inter-School Basketball League match at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon, after leading at the interval by 28-24.

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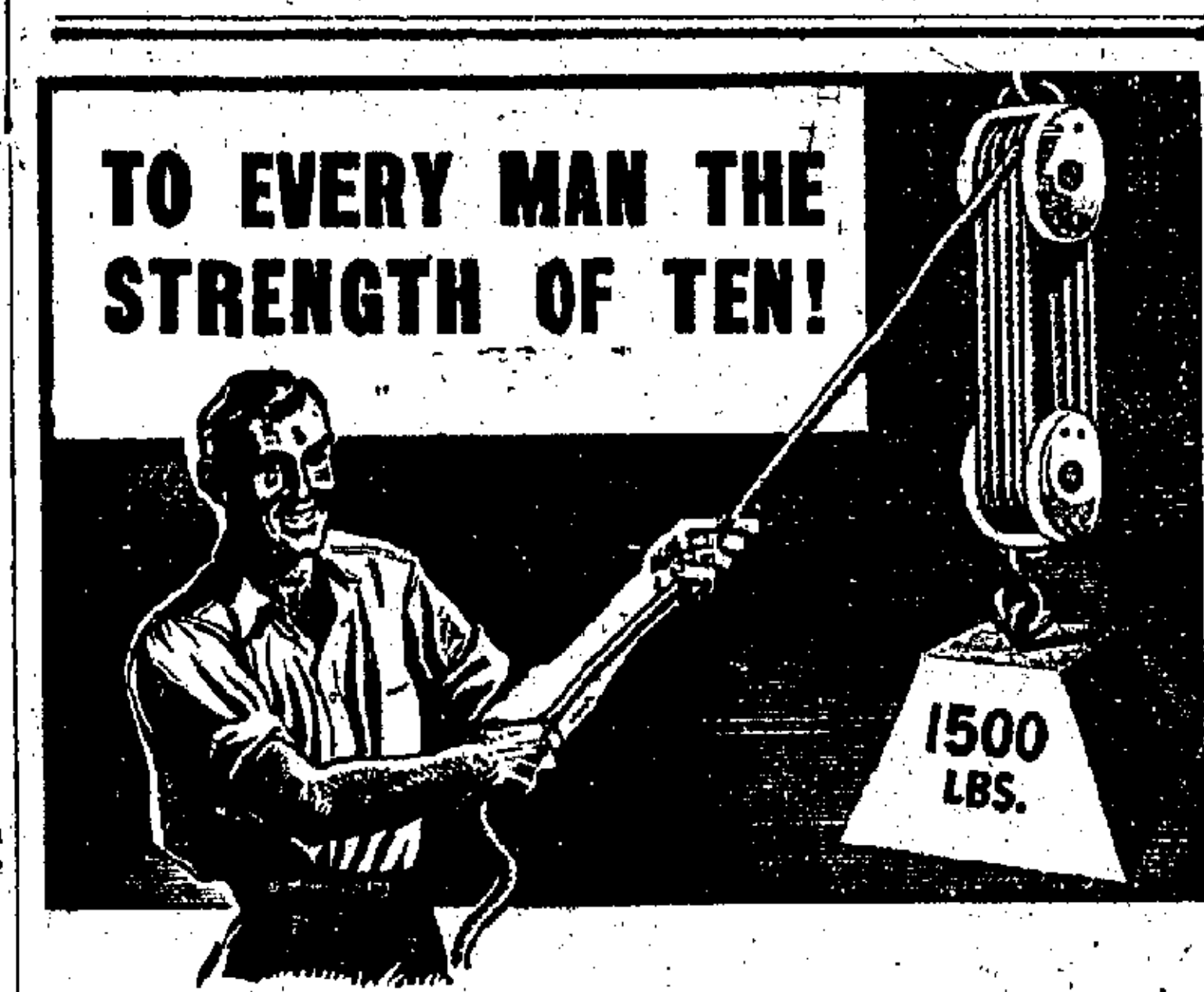
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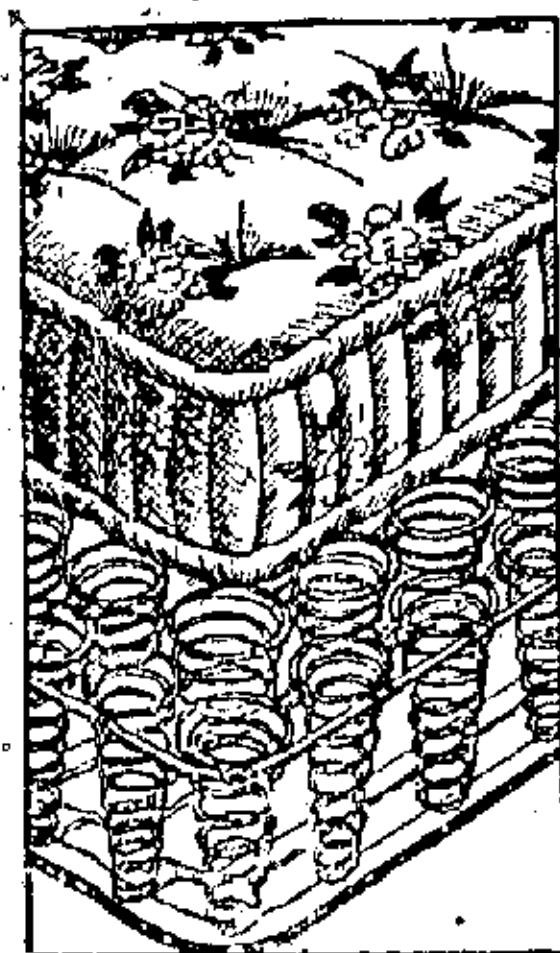
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# BATTLESHIPS STRADDLED BY HEAVY BOMBS

## Brest And Ruhr Attacked

MANY HEAVY BOMBS straddled the berths of the Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the cruiser Prince Eugen during Friday night's raid by strong forces of British bombers on Brest.

An Air Ministry communique says strong forces of the Bomber Command attacked the docks at Brest.

### HEROES OF GASWORKS BLAZE

AN A.R.P. WORKER, WHO CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF A BURNING GAS-HOLDER AND SEALED OFF THE ESCAPE, AND THEN, THOUGH SEVERELY GASED, CLIMBED TO THE CROWN OF ANOTHER HOLDER AND STOPPED A LEAK, IS AMONG ELEVEN RECIPIENTS OF THE GEORGE MEDAL IN THE LATEST LIST OF CIVIL DEFENCE APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS.

He is Joseph Callaghan, yard foreman at a gasworks where G. J. Duncan, works manager, gained the award for brave conduct during the same raid.

Duncan climbed to the top of a gasholder and sealed two burning escapes, and a third which had not ignited. He later discovered Callaghan unconscious and carried him to safety.—British Wireless.

### AIR ATTACK ON TOBRUK

It is announced in London, regarding events in Libya, that 18 German and Italian aircraft attacked Tobruk on Thursday but failed to cause any damage.

One raider was shot down. In Abyssinia, British patrols advancing from the east are now within 12 miles of Jimma.

In Assab, Eritrea, all public utility services in the town are working satisfactorily.—Reuter.

### ATTACKS ON NAZI SHIPPING

ALTOGETHER 17,000 TONS OF ENEMY SHIPPING WERE SUNK BY THE R.A.F. DURING THE WEEK ENDING DAWN ON JUNE 13 AND MANY OTHER VESSELS WERE DAMAGED DURING PATROLS AND SWEEPS.

From these operations, 27 British aircraft are missing, while five German planes were destroyed and two others were seen in flames and out of control.

In the Mediterranean, a total of 36 enemy aircraft were destroyed at the cost of nine British planes two of whose crews were rescued.—Reuter.

### RESTRICTIONS IN IRAQ WITHDRAWN

In view of the improved position in Iraq, the restrictions on sterling payments by residents in Iraq will be withdrawn from Monday, the Treasury announces in London.

Residents will be free to make sterling payments anywhere in the sterling area.—Reuter.

### NATIONAL CITY CLOSING BRANCH

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"] Tokyo reports state that the National City Bank is closing down its branch in Osaka and has sold its building to Japanese interests.—International News Service.

### CLOCKS STOLEN

According to a report to the Police by Sister Whitehead, of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, two clocks were stolen from the Sisters' Quarters early yesterday morning. Entrance was gained by removal of a pane of glass from a French window.

Many heavy bombs were seen to burst in the docks area and straddle the berths of all three ships.

The communique also reports that the offensive against the Ruhr was continued by Bomber Command aircraft on Friday night.

"A heavy attack was made on the industrial district of Schwerte and extensive damage was done."

One British bomber is missing from these attacks.

Aeroplane of the Coastal Command also made night attacks on enemy shipping in the Channel and bombed an aerodrome in Brittany, with the loss of two aircraft.—Reuter.

### Strong Forces

Many bombs were dropped by strong forces of British bomber planes during Friday night's R.A.F. raid on the French naval base at Brest, where the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and a cruiser of the Hipper class, believed to be the Prinz Eugen, are sheltering.

R.A.F. aircraft also carried out a severe raid on the Ruhr, and it is learned from preliminary reports that much damage was done to the industrial district of Schwerte.—Reuter.



During their recent tour of Scotland, the King and Queen paid a visit to the Polish Forces, with whom they spent a whole day. They were accompanied by General Sikorski, Polish Commander in Chief. They also inspected defences manned by the Polish Forces. Photo shows Her Majesty leaving gun positions during the tour.—(Copyright, Fox.)

### RIBBENTROP MAKING TRIP TO VENICE

The Nazi Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, was scheduled to leave Berlin yesterday for a short visit to Venice, announces the German official news agency quoted by Reuter.

## VICHY VITIATES SYRIA PROTEST ARGUMENT

PUBLICATION OF THE text of the French Note relating to British action in Syria and the reply thereto of the British Government gives rise to consideration of the case advanced by Vichy.

London newspapers point out that the admission of the pressure of German forces in Syria "during the events in Iraq" completely vitiated the argument which the Vichy Government endeavours to set up.

"The Times" comment is typical.

"The French Note admits, for it is known to all the world — that German aircraft and personnel were in Syria during the rebellion in Iraq and for the purpose of assisting the rebels.

"Even if it is true, as the Note asserts, that these have since been, with insignificant exceptions, withdrawn, the strength of the British case would scarcely be diminished.

"Once the French authorities have shown themselves prepared to tolerate and facilitate the use of French territory and French aerodromes by German armed forces, Britain is fully entitled to take whatever effective measures are required to prevent a repetition of this occurrence."

### Only Spelling

"The Telegraph," after taking the same point continues: "Between collaboration and complicity the only substantial difference is in the spelling. That Britain did not with folded arms watch the fulfilment of the German threat is surely no better ground for a protest from Vichy than it would have been for one from Berlin."

Contention with France in her present plight is as distressing to the British people, but the situation is not of British making.

In acquiescing in France's undoing, Vichy has no right to expect this country's "collaboration" in the surrender. — British Wireless.

### WAR OUTPUT DRIVE IN U.S.

The U.S. War Department has asked Mr. William Knudsen to make a further cut of 30 to 40 per cent. in motorcar production. This will release personnel and materials for arms output.—Reuter.



A new tank stopping by the roadside during parade troop rounding up exercises proves a source of excited interest to village children.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING

Did you advance your clock last night? If not, do it now, or you may be late for church.

The clock should be advanced exactly one hour.

## THAILAND SEES THROUGH

"Fantastic and mischievous" is how Thai political quarters in Bangkok characterise a Japanese newspaper report alleging a "British-inspired plan to overthrow the present pro-Japanese Thai Cabinet."

These quarters recall that the British authorities in Malaya recently asked certain prominent Thai exiles in Penang (who are known to be hostile to the present regime in Thailand) to move their residence still further away from the Malaya-Thai border.

The report on which the newspaper builds up the whole theory of a plot alleges that five terrorists from Chungking were taken into custody in connection with a plot to assassinate the Thai Premier.

The report itself is not confirmed in authoritative quarters. Political circles in Bangkok deplore "this attempt to create bad blood between Thailand and Britain and between Thailand and China."—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

## CAUSTIC U.S. CASTIGATION OF VICHY

IN THE MOST CAUSTIC United States Government declaration yet issued on Vichy policies, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, directly accuses Admiral Darlan and Pierre Laval of scheming to "deliver France politically, economically and militarily" to Hitler.

Mr. Cordell Hull added that the "original scheme" had now been brought into the open.

The sharpness of Mr. Hull's criticism of Vichy has heightened speculation in regard to the possibility of an early diplomatic break between Washington and Vichy.

Mr. Hull said it remained to be seen whether the French people would accept the "preposterous status" which Mr. Hull charged Darlan and Laval "elements" with seeking to impose on the French people.

Mr. Hull said if they did, they would have to pay for the French to assist Hitler as co-belligerents in his desperate effort to conquer Britain and secure control of the seas.

He added: "In the prevention of such a possibility both the French people and the United States have a common interest of tremendous importance for the future."

### Mr. Hull Charges

Mr. Hull charged Vichy with permitting Germany to extend the theatre of war into French mandated territory and allowing the shipment from Syria of French-made military supplies to be used by the Germans against France's former ally.

YET WHEN THE BRITISH ENTERED SYRIA, VICHY "CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO CONTEST BITTERLY THIS BRITISH EFFORT TO PREVENT

SYRIA BEING USED AS A GERMAN BASE.

"These facts unmistakably demonstrate the German military effort which is being made to use France, and the German initiative in Syria is resulting in a conflict not only of France against Britain but of Frenchmen against Frenchmen."

Mr. Hull said the Armistice signified a temporary cessation of hostilities and did not contemplate that a "successful belligerent shall make inhuman demands" on a conquered nation or that the latter shall be bludgeoned into becoming allies of their enemy."—Reuter.

### SIR RONALD CROSS ENTHUSIASTIC

Sir Ronald Cross, new British High Commissioner in Australia, told New York pressmen yesterday that Australia had done wonders in her war production. Australia's achievement was outstanding and remarkable and he had no improvements to suggest.—Reuter.

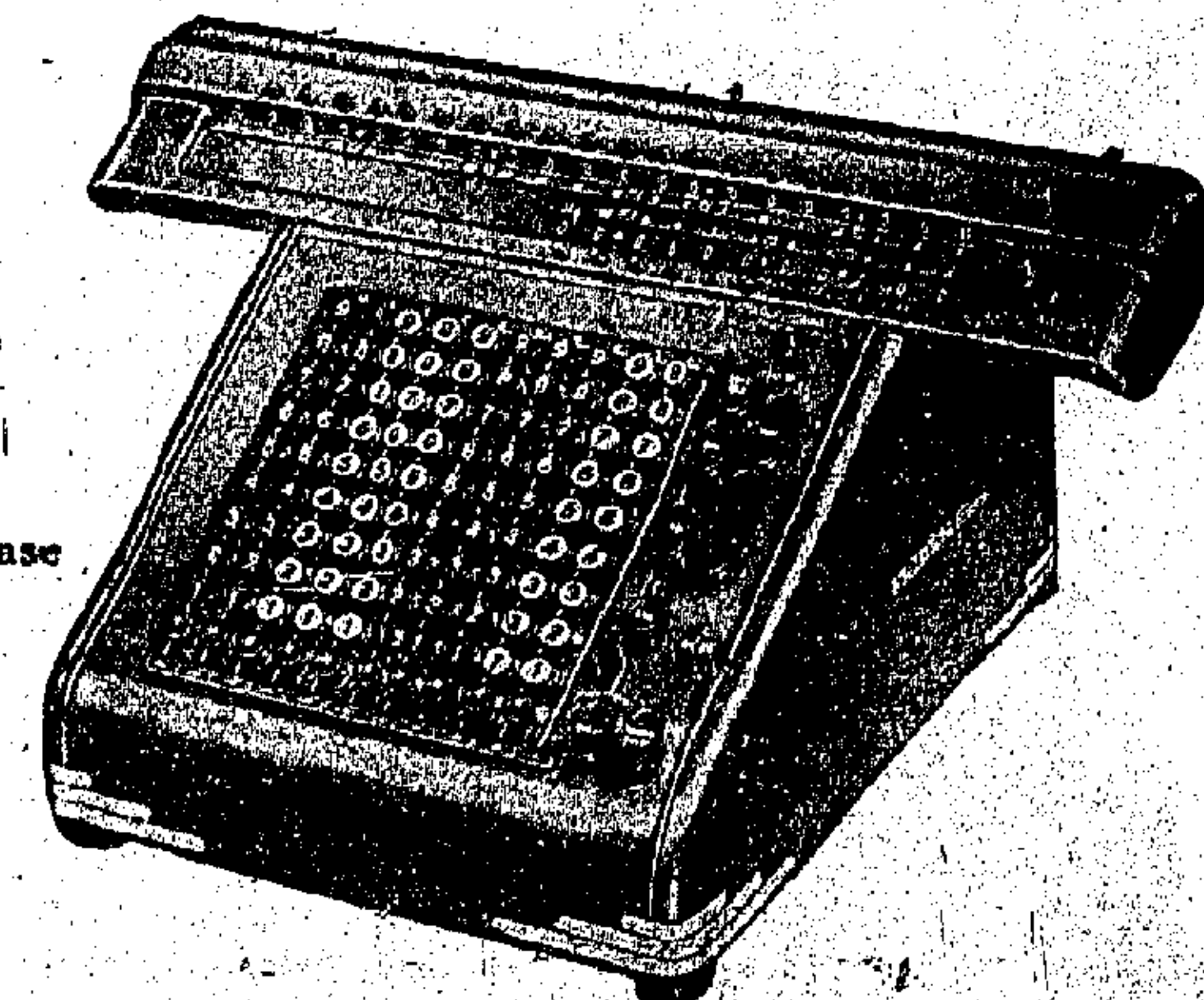
Ribbentrop will meet Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, when he arrives in Venice. Also present will be a representative of the newly-formed Croatian state, and it is reported that Croatia will sign the Axis Pact.—Reuter.

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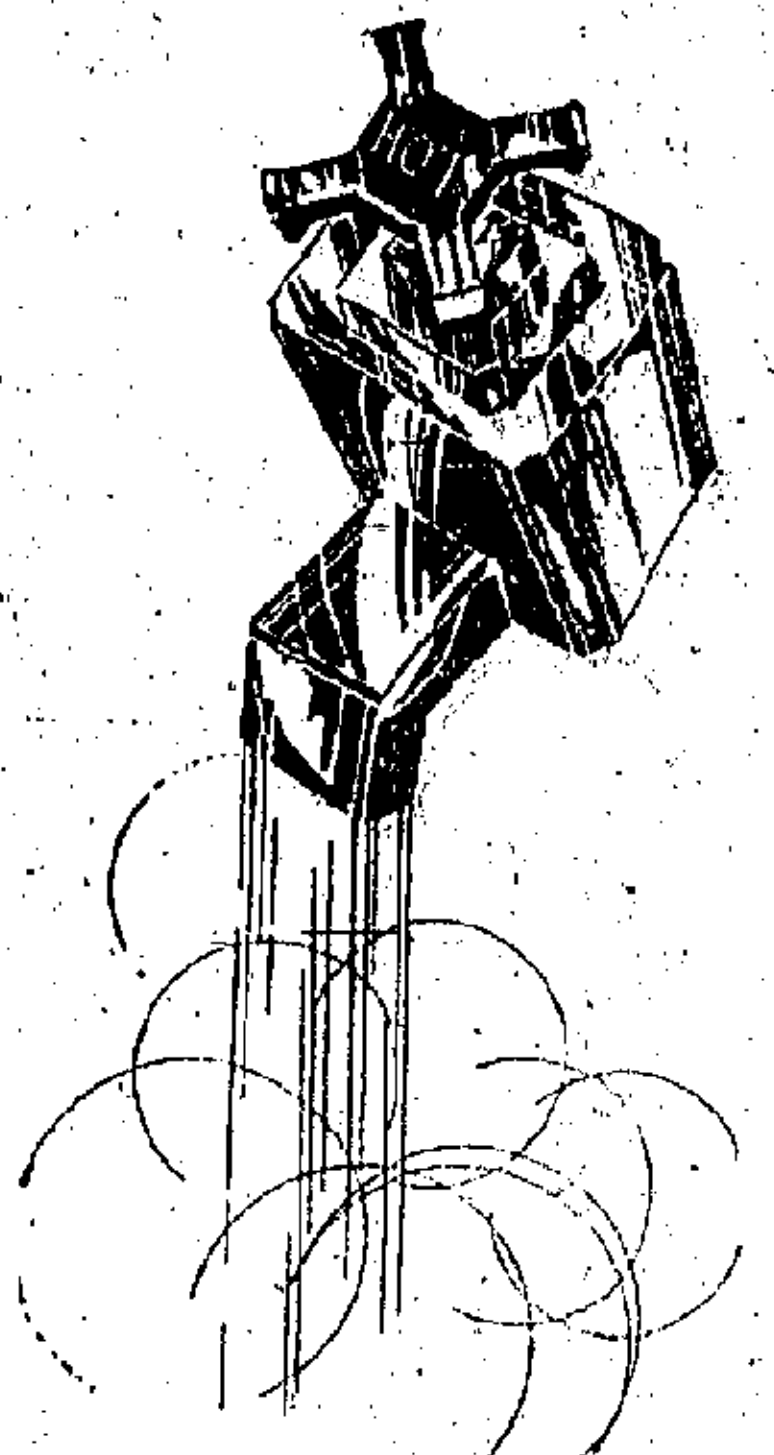


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First Division  
League Bowls

L. Guy, Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" skip, sending down a wood in the First Division League match against Recreio "A" at Austin Road last Saturday. The champions won fairly convincingly.



A measure was needed here in the K.B.G.C. "B" v Recreio "A" First Division lawn bowls match.



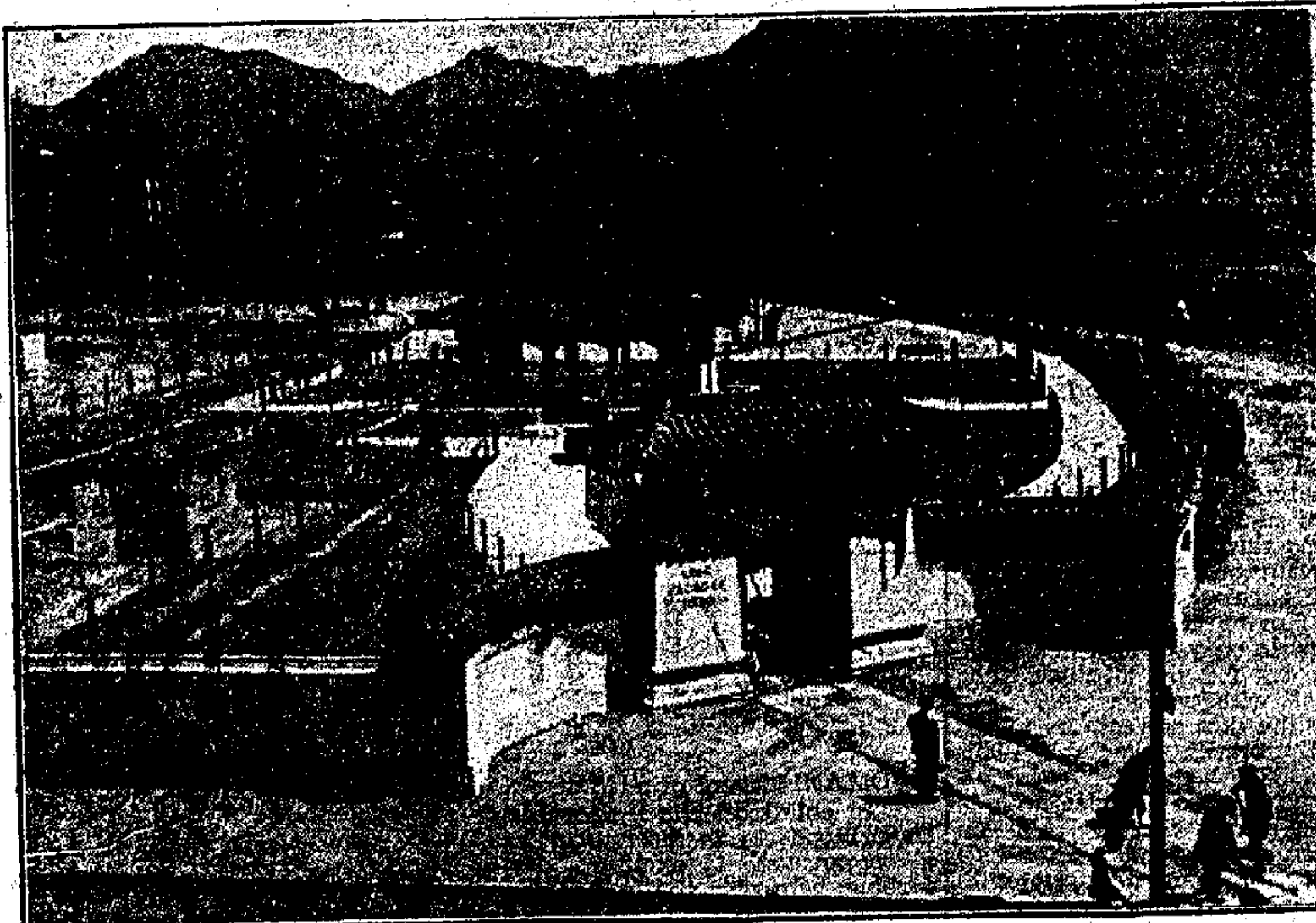
The 1941 League Baseball season got under way last Saturday when H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, tossed the first ball of the year. U.S.S. Mindanao met Hong Kong Brewers and won a thrill-packed game 7 to 6. In the above picture Vaughan is seen sliding into first base in the nick of time.



Among prominent spectators at the opening of the League Baseball season were H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Gasset, Commodore R. E. Cassidy, U.S.N. South China Patrol, Mr. J. H. Bruine, U.S. Acting Consul-General, and Captain McGlynn of U.S.S. Mindanao, all of whom may be seen in the above photograph.

League Baseball  
Season Opened

Tony Mascavage, of Mindanao, who made the first circuit hit of the season.

King George V  
Memorial Field

The King George V Memorial Field in Jordan Road, Kowloon, was officially opened last Wednesday by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, in the presence of a large gathering. H.E. the Governor, who was to have performed the ceremony, was prevented from being present by indisposition. Above is shown a view of the Memorial Field, which was built at a cost of \$70,000, and at left the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith is seen opening the main gate to the field.



The Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr, Chairman of the Urban Council, under whose supervision the field was erected, is shown here making a speech in which he explained how the Park came into being, and said that in the list of subscribers every section of the community was represented. He also spoke of the intention to build a similar field in Hong Kong.

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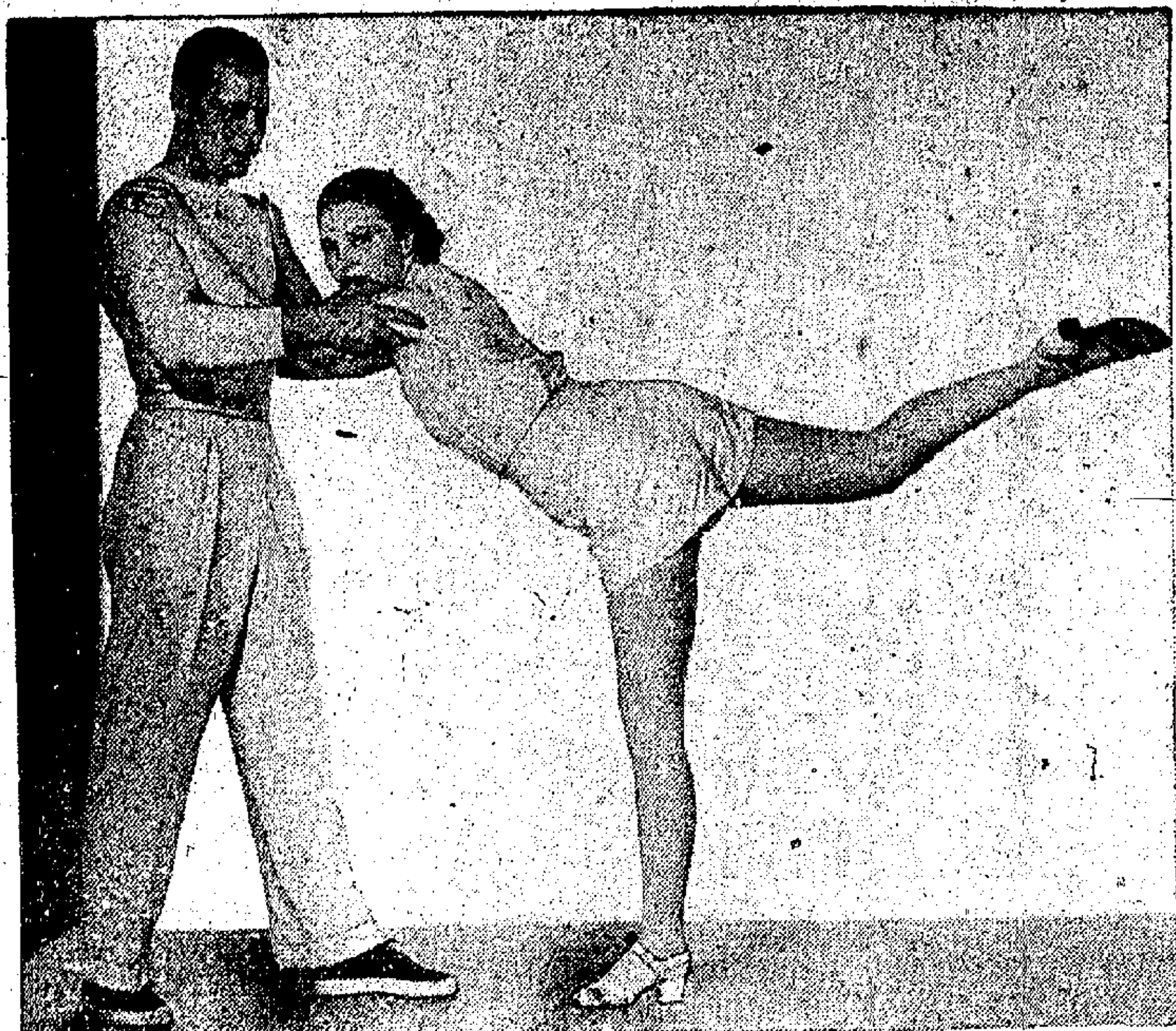
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## SEDENTARY SPREAD

If you sit for long hours at a typewriter, desk, machine or table, you are apt to acquire hip-spread, a defect that necessitates decided effort if you would overcome it.

John Chaburn here demonstrates one exercise that will help you. I am supporting Jean in the picture, but if you have no one to support you can use a sufficiently high chair, kick straight back with one foot, then the other, bringing each leg up as high as you can.

For a streamlined figure, the hip measurement should be the same as the bust-measurement, the waistline running about nine to ten inches less.

If you note in your mirror that you seem to have an overfull look, try the see-saw exercise for waistline slimming. You need a partner to do this.

Sit back, legs on the floor, hands clasped, behind neck, knees up; you lean back forming your friend forward till her head touches her knees, then she leans backward, forcing you forward, continue this rhythmic exercise.

The line shoulders, try this one: Take a weight in each hand; a heavy book will do if you have no heavier object, but each weight should weigh the same. Stand erect, balance one in each hand, raise right hand high above head while left hand is at side; then as you lower the right hand, raise the left. Do this for

By  
Donald Loomis

Mr. Loomis is physical director of the stars at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios. He has charge of such stars as Joan Crawford, Jeanette MacDonald, Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor, Clark Gable and Robert Montgomery.

several minutes, preferably to music.

If you can go in for sports, regularly, you need not worry about exercises, but be sure you are getting daily exercise in some fashion. Elissa Landi spends hours at tennis or horseback when she is away from the studio, but if she has long studio hours she puts in an extra half hour at fencing. She is an expert fencer, and this sport gives her all-round physical exercise.

Unless you have time and opportunity to indulge in sports, don't forget your regular daily exercises.

Here's an excellent limbering-up exercise, especially good for top-stout knees. Stand erect, hands on hips. Take a long step forward with the right foot, bend both knees deeply, so that the left knee touches the floor. Rise quickly and step forward on the left foot, bending the knees as before, so that the right knee touches the floor. Cross your room twice in this fashion, remembering to hold your head up, shoulders dropped into natural position.

When you feel nervous or tense, try revolving each shoulder in a circle, also massage the back of the neck. If you can't relax when you lie down, try hanging your head over the side of the bed, letting the blood flow to the roots of the hair.

At one time Virginia Bruce found herself becoming tense and nervous. She got relief by inverting herself in a high-backed chair, knees on top of the chair-back, head hanging down from the seat. Just a few minutes of this helped her.

Lie down with a pillow under your shoulders instead of your head, so that your head tips back; throw your head back as far as you can without moving your body; then bring it forward as far as you can; then relax.

This is a good exercise for developing the neck and getting rid of that buffalo hump.

Remember to combine and vary your exercises if you would get the greatest good from them.

## NATURE'S FACIALS

If your skin is oily, eggs and milk are especially helpful. Egg packs are cleansing and firming; milk will help to discourage large pores and act as a mild bleach. Your milk will clear up a blotchy skin. Then there's lemon, which is a wonderful astringent and bleach. Or yeast, which is nourishing and therefore excellent for dry skins, as is olive oil. Now that you know where you're headed, assure yourself of an hour of privacy and get to work.

The inaugural step in all facials is to cleanse your face thoroughly. But don't stop at the chin. Your neck and shoulders can stand a little pampering, too. Use soap and water, creams, or a liquid cleanser. After you've done as good a job as you can, apply a warm or almost hot cloth to your face to wake up the circulation, so that your skin can advantageously receive the benefits of your applications. Most of these treatments can be used as often as you like, but once or twice a week should be sufficient.

Now which of Nature's facials are you going to have? 1. Egg Facial: Good for reconditioning a normal or slightly oily skin. Separate the white from the yolk. Beat the white until it's fluffy. Spread the beaten white on your face and neck. After it dries, apply a coat of the yolk. When this dries, repeat, using the white and then the yolk until the whole egg is used. After the last application has dried, remove with a warm facecloth but treat your skin gently. Don't rub it.

2. Egg, Honey, and Almond Facial: This facial has a mild bleaching action and requires just the white of an egg mixed with a tablespoon of strained honey and a tablespoon of almond meal. Smooth this sweet concoction on your skin and allow it to dry. Remove with a warm facecloth.

3. Yeast, Milk, and Water Facial: This is particularly good for a dry skin. Take two cakes of fresh yeast. To this add enough equal parts of milk and water to make a smooth paste. Just before applying this, smooth some cleansing cream on your skin, wiping off the excess and leaving just a slight film of cream. Spread the yeast paste on your face and neck. Let it dry for ten minutes, then wash off with warm water. Softens the skin and acts as a mild bleach.

4. Buttermilk Facial: This bleach mix enough curdled buttermilk with half a glass of buttermilk to make a paste. Spread this on your face and leave it on for half an hour, keeping it moist with additional buttermilk. Then remove with warm facecloth.

5. Sour Milk Compress: Aid: The trick of this treatment lies in following it faithfully for at least a few nights. As it is highly recommended in clearing up boils it should work wonders for an acne condition or blotchy skin. Just spread the sour milk on your face and let it dry, allowing it to stay on overnight. In the morning, remove the remaining film with soap and water and a clean facecloth.

Lemon Juice Astringent: Highly recommended after any of these facials is the use of a home-made lemon astringent or ice. You can make the astringent with the strained juice of half a lemon. Wrap an ice cube in a thin covering of dry absorbent cotton and dip this in the juice. Smooth gently over your face and neck to close the pores and to freshen your skin. You might try this lemon astringent every morning after you wash if you're troubled by large pores. If lemon dries your skin too much, use just plain ice, but be sure to wrap the ice cube in gauze or cotton. Never apply it directly to your skin.

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# Stockings From The Department Of Agriculture

The American Government has a personal interest in the hosiery worn by the 66 attractive student nurses at the Garfield Hospital in Washington. Each night an official car calls at the hospital to pick up the 136 stockings which have been woven by nursing across miles of sickrooms and corridors during the day. They are whisked away to the laboratories of the Home Economics Bureau. Here they are washed, tested and returned to the nurses for another day's wear.

Why, you may ask, is there such intense interest in the hosiery of the 66 attractive student nurses at the Garfield Hospital in Washington? The explanation is fairly simple. The Department of Agriculture is actively developing and popularizing cotton lisle hose in an attempt to bolster the ailing cotton industry. For the past few years the department has been busy in laboratories and mills creating improved hosiery materials from cotton, and catchy designs.

Hitler has appeared as the unexpected ally of the Department of Agriculture and the cotton growers in the crusade to induce American women to wear cotton.

Silk—which is the choice of the majority of American and Canadian women—is rapidly becoming unobtainable. In Canada it has been put on the list of embargoed imports in order to conserve currency. In the U.S.A. the war has threatened the usual supply from Japan and Italy. In addition, the Government have let it be known that they intend to requisition vast quantities of the material for the manufacture of parachutes.

The enforced abdication of silk as America's favourite material will necessitate a change in stock-

ing habits. It also means that a vast potential market will be created for cotton and other types of hose. As late as 1938, 86 per cent. of all women's hosiery was made of silk. College girls, stenographers, debutantes and housewives spent \$476,000,000 during that year for 590 million pairs of silk stockings. The single women spent more on silk stockings than they did on gloves, bags or hats; the married ones skimped on the grocer's bill to purchase this sleek, gauzy apparel against the day when they apparently have no sales resistance.

What will the 590 million pairs of hose, formerly manufactured of silk, be made of in 1941? The cotton men believe that they will get a giant portion of the new business because they have been preparing for it unconsciously for many years. While not so glamorous as silk, the cotton stocking, they will tell you, has other features to commend it.

The campaign to produce a streamlined cotton stocking was actively opened in 1938. Cotton growers were despondent over their unhappy plight; their product glutted the market and prices were miserably low. They dismally reflected that in 1919, 72 per cent. of all women's hosiery was made of cotton, but the total stood at around 5 per cent. Women scorned cotton stockings, saying that although they were more like iron they were not flattering. The industry went to Washington and cried on the Government's shoulder: what to do? Congress was quick to reply in effect: "Hose is \$30,000. Take it and develop attractive cotton stockings that the ladies will like."

The money was handed over to Miss Ruth O'Brien, director of the Home Economics Bureau. David H. Young, an experienced craftsman in the textile field, was set up in a completely equipped factory and given technical assistance to help him bring glamour to the lowly cotton stocking. Within two weeks he produced a results—full-fashioned high quality cotton hose that could be knit on the same machine used for silk.

Young's ingenuity has placed on the market the most attractive cotton hose yet offered for sale. The new stocking is a far cry from the fuzzy, gauzy, circular-knit variety usually associated with cotton. It has an appealing lustre due to the mercerising process which it has undergone. In addition, it is shaped to fit the leg—a neat fitting ankle, a comfortable foot and plenty of stretch in the knee. In all, 35 styles of mesh, plain and lace cotton hosiery have been originated.

But if the Department of Agriculture's new stocking has beauty, it is also durable. Before the Government permitted the new products to be shown to the 610 hosiery manufacturers it was subjected to several grueling tests. To study how the stocking stood up under the strain of practical working conditions, Miss O'Brien outfitted the student nurses of Garfield Hospital in Washington; in the weeks up, watching for weaknesses.

The cotton stocking is also being "given the works" by the laboratory by robot machines. Wire finers drag across, stretched stockings to determine how long they can withstand running stress without bending and unbending. A human foot in cotton; a metal hand pulls and stretches to test the elasticity of the material; revolving drums rub up against the cotton to test its strength. After all these tests, the people who have put the new improved

(There is a revolution coming—a revolution in hosiery. The war has curtailed the use of silk with the result that milady must change her hosiery habits. Will lisle (cotton) make a comeback? The U.S. Department of Agriculture hopes it will, and has been working for two years to popularise and develop new, full-fashioned cotton hosiery.)

lisle stocking on the market express themselves as satisfied.

It would be entirely wrong to imagine that the removal of silk from the American market will result in all America's women wearing lisle hose. Undoubtedly the synthetic fibres will be extensively used by manufacturers.

Nylon hose, made by mixing water, coal and air, is as attractive as silk even though it is not nearly so comfortable. If the nylon fac-

tor make a delicate thread from a mixture of resin, salt, gas, coal and oil. The discoverers of this new substance plan to produce two million pounds of the fibre which will be used to make twine, fisherman's nets and hosiery. Rayon, made from cellulose, may find a wider market in the future. The few old pairs of rubber hosiery, which is knit in lace, meshes, will be purchased. Rubber stockings are still very expensive and regarded as something of a novelty; the consumer is amused by the little midget stockings which can be stretched to fit an adult leg.

Some years ago a certain diplomat presented the Spanish ambassador with a pair of silk stockings as a gift for his Queen. The Spaniard was deeply shocked. "The Queen of Spain," he replied, "has no legs."

That must have been a long time ago, for to-day all women of all ranks demand sheer, flattering hose. The removal of silk from milady's wardrobe means a revolution in leg-wear. Fortunes will be lost by Japanese silk-growers, merchants, bankers and manufacturers. Perhaps the many millions will flow into the coffers of the cotton industry and that cotton will once again be restored to the high place it once occupied in the national economy of the nation.



BLACK AND WHITE is an ever effective combination, and proof is given in the dinner gown modelled by Rita Hayworth, Columbia's "Angels Over Broadway" star. The skirt is black velvet, topped with a basque waist of point de venise lace styled with square neckline and bell sleeves. A lovely gown to have copied in summer materials, such as mousseline de soie for the skirt and cotton lace for the blouse.

## A BED-TIME STORY FOR CHILDREN:-

### The New Pupil

With his paw for a pencil, Jackie Bow Wow wrote in the snow in front of the den of Mr. Whitewash, the Polar Bear gentleman, this message:

"I have taken Puff Ball to school with me."

The little puppy dog boy signed his name to the snow message. Then he ran on to catch up with the little boy Polar Bear. But Jackie could not see Puff Ball.

"Dear me!" barked Jackie, "woofing some snow off the end of his nose. I hope this isn't all a dream. Puff seems to have disappeared. No it can't be a dream. There is my writing in the snow."

Jackie looked at some paw marks that were all over the ground. They were not his own paw marks. They were much broader and were fuzzy around the edges.

"There are the marks of Puff's paw," said Jackie. "But where did he go while I was writing that message for my uncle, Mr. Whitewash? Where are you, Puff?" called Jackie.

"Here I am!" answered the laughing voice of the little Polar Bear boy. Then what seemed to be a lump or ball of snow plopped itself apart and turned into Puff himself.

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"You are very late."

"Oh, you fooled me again!" laughed Jackie. "With your white fur you look so much like the snow that I should think some- times you couldn't even find your self. Do you ever lose yourself?"

"Not very often," Puff answered. "But it is a good thing. I have white fur like snow."

"Why is it?" asked Jackie.

"All Polar Bears must have white fur," said Puff. "If they didn't have their fur, they could get anything to eat."

"That's funny," said Jackie. "I have brown fur. My brother Peetie has black fur and I know a poodle dog who has white fur. But Peetie and I get just as much to eat as the white poodle. We don't need white fur to get something to eat."

"With Polar Bears it is different," said Puff. "I will tell you about it. Or you can ask my uncle Mr. Whitewash. He will tell you to go to his school. Is it fun?"

"Oh, yes, it's lots of fun," barked Jackie.

"Then I should think you would be there all the while," said Jackie. "When school is out it is also fun."

"I am going to find out about that," said Puff. So the two little animal friends ran through the snow together. Jackie was wondering how he could turn himself for coming to school late. But he still had that grand, scrumptious idea. It might work.

Jackie and Puff stamped the snow off their paws in the hall of the school. Mr. Rat, the jolly janitor, saw them and turned to them. "You are very late, Jackie Bow Wow," said Mr. Rat, curling his whiskers. "The Lady Mouse Teacher will want to see you."

"Yes," said Jackie boldly. "And I want to see her. I have brought her a new pupil. Here is Puff Ball the Polar Bear," barked Jackie.

"My goodness!" said Mr. Rat. "I thought he was just a lump of snow and I was going to sweep him out. Here comes Miss Mouse!"

And if the piano will lead one of its keys to lock the back door so the gas stove can't run away, describable attractiveness which I'll tell you next about Puff in school.

## What I Think Of Women

By SASCHA GUTRY

WOMAN! Marvel of all Marvels!

In childhood she is adorable. In girlhood she is fascinating; as a woman, she is exciting, disturbing; as a wife she is enchanting; in the role of a mother she is touching, appealing; and when youth has left her, she becomes one of those fine and complacent ladies where man discovers anew the seduction of youth and at times the freshness of infancy. That is how I see woman.

However, the experiences I have accumulated in the last thirty years compel me to take an altogether different point of view as soon as I change the word woman into the plural women.

Yes, Woman is the greatest wonder of all wonders! But women are something altogether different. When a man asks himself "What is woman?", he thinks of all her virtues, her seductiveness, which makes her his ideal, his dream, and he exclaims, "Ah, Woman, Marvel of all Marvels!"

But when he asks himself, "What are women?", he will say, as did Moliere, that there is nothing more stupid, nothing more insane, nothing more treacherous on this earth than the fair sex.

To speak of women means to speak ill of them, no matter what you really think of them. And for a very good reason: if you speak well of something, there is very little left to talk about. To speak ill of women is to have an inexhaustible subject for discussion. In my opinion, to speak well of women is not to know them; to speak ill of them is to know them. But first let me make one point very clear: The women of whom I speak, dear reader, are not yours nor mine. Ours are sacred! I only speak of the women who belong to other men.

I maintain that one woman is more desirable than two women are horrible. Why? Because I have discovered that two women can be

in complete harmony only at the expense of a third.

I have been asked on certain occasions where I have gathered my opinions on women. My answer is: "I have heard women discuss other women and I am in agreement with their opinion on this subject. Men never say malicious things of women that they themselves have not said about themselves. But there is one fine difference. Women speak well of women in general, and ill of a particular woman."

They always reiterate, "All women are wonderful"—and when we ask, "Which one?" they reply, "All." But we insist on their names, "Mademoiselle Z?" "Don't make me laugh! She is a dim-wit!" Invariably this will be their reply.

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sascha Gutry has long been the most colourful figure in the French theatrical world. In addition to being a great actor he is the author, producer and director of scores of plays.

To date, he has acquired four wives, and his bon mots on love and marriage have been widely quoted and applauded. Whenever Gutry tired of his wife of the moment he would make one of his famous farewell speeches, very often declaimed in public. She would as a rule gracefully submit to her sad fate. Recently when the Nazis marched into Paris from which practically all the stars of the Paris theatre had fled, with the exception of Charlotte Lyset, the first wife of Sascha Gutry whom he had divorced twenty years ago, they made Charlotte "Gautier" of the theatre.

Charlotte, a poet which gave her unlimited powers. Immediately she dispatched an emissary to Gutry ordering him and his beautiful fourth wife, Genevieve de Serreville, to return to Paris. There Gutry was a bit unnerved to have Charlotte face him with the statement that she would permit him to resume his career and open his theatre La Madeleine on three conditions: that his plays be of a more serious character, that she, Charlotte, should be his partner on the stage, and that he leave his wife.

But Charlotte reckoned without the alarming charm of Gutry who readily convinced her that she really played the important part in his life, that she was his helpmate, partner and inspiration, and that the position of wife was so infinitesimal that it was scarcely worth the bother of a divorce.

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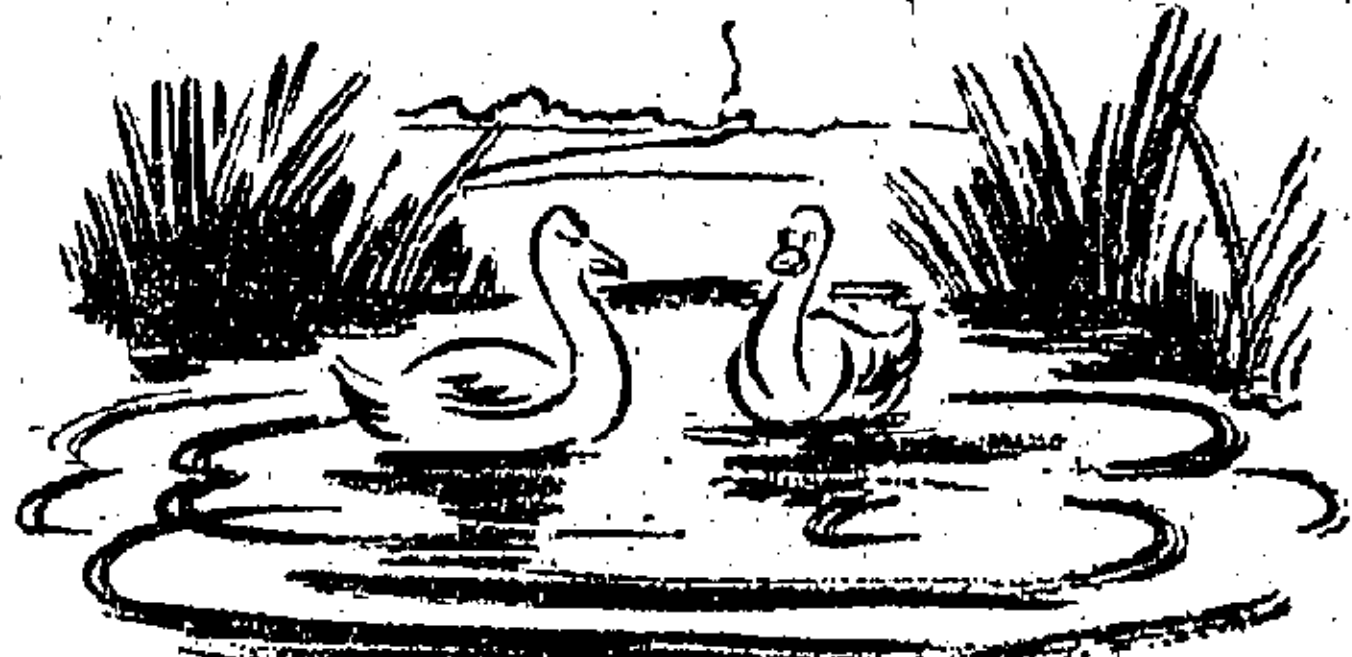
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Mary Jones, here lies her bones. For her death had no terrors; Born a good girl, died a good girl.  
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**A MISTAKE**  
Teacher: "Now, Johnny, if you put your hand in one pocket and pulled out 75 cents, then put your other hand in the other pocket and pulled out 75 cents, what would you have?"  
Johnny: "Somebody else's pants."

**PAPERS AND PIPERS**  
He had made a lot of money and, on the strength of it, took a castle in Scotland.  
On the first evening the butler approached him and said: "Would you care to have the pipers at dinner, sir?"  
"No, thanks," he answered, "but you can put them in the lounge and I'll read them later."

**PARDON THE ERROR**  
The darkie was passing a pet shop in New York. He noticed a parrot on a perch outside the store.  
Wide-eyed, he stepped closer to examine this strange sight. The parrot suddenly turned and squawked at him. "Hey! What do you want?"  
The darkie jumped back and lifted his hat. "S-s-sorry, me. Saw he was a bird."



"Marry you, Dalton? Never! I'll scuttle myself first."—Maclean's, Canada.

**PAGE THE MORGUE**  
Freshly I want a girl hat, looks, sews, keeps house and doesn't smoke or pet.  
Senior: Why don't you go down to the graveyard and dig one up?

**NO OLDER**  
"Are you the girl who took my order?" asked the impatient gentleman in the cafe.  
"Yes, sir," replied the waitress politely.  
"Well, I'll be damned," he remarked, "you don't look a day older."

**WAR STORY**  
It seems that Mr. Cannonball courted Miss Cannonball for several years, until she finally consented to become his bride. They lived happily. And one day, Mrs. C. simpered up to the Head of the Arsenal and said, "Guess what? I'm going to have a little, teeny BB." Aw, well, it's not too bad, is it?

**TRANSPORTATION NECESSITY**  
The nursemaid tried to discourage her employers' 8-month-old son from thumbsucking.  
"Don't suck your little thumb like that," she cooed, "you may need it some day to get a lift."

**NOT A CHANCE**  
"I didn't like the look of that pretty maid you engaged, so I discharged her this afternoon," said Mrs. Smythe.  
"Before giving her a chance?" asked her husband.  
"No, before giving you one."

**RATIONED**  
Aiding under difficulties, the touring company was producing "The Merchant of Venice" in a small country town.  
"Give me a pound of flesh," demanded Shylock.  
From the gallery came a voice: "Where's your ration book?"

**EMBARRASSING**  
Two men and a young lady were on the Pullman for California and decided they had better get acquainted.  
One man said: "My name is Paul, but I'm not an apostle."  
The other said: "My name is Peter, but I'm not a saint."  
The girl: "My name is Mary, and I don't know what to say."

**PUZZLED**  
A mother had been telling her small son some of the "facts of life," and when she finished she said: "Now, my boy, are there any questions you would like to ask? Anything at all; don't be afraid."  
After a little heavy thinking the boy replied: "Well, yes, there's something I've been wanting to know for a long time."  
She asked him what it was.  
"Mother, just how do they make bricks?"

**SOME OTHER TIME**  
At the conclusion of the Scripture lesson the teacher asked: "Now all these boys who want to go to Heaven put up their hands."  
The expected response came from all but one.  
"Well, Tommy," said the teacher, in surprise, "don't you want to go to Heaven?"  
"Please, teacher, I can't," said Tommy. "Mummy said I was to be home early, so we could go to the pictures."

**TOUGH**  
The strong man was explaining his act to an agent.  
"I place a heavy stone on my head," he asserted, "and then my assistant picks up a sixteen-pound sledge-hammer, swings it with all his might, and cracks the stone in half."  
The agent grew dizzy at the thought.  
"That's marvelous," he enthused. "But how about your head—don't you ever feel it?"  
"Yes," he admitted. "That's why I sometimes carry aspirins!"

**CORRECTION, PLEASE**  
When the retired sergeant-major was made churchwarden, the vicar spoke seriously to him.  
"The subscriptions promised towards the new village hall haven't been coming in," he said. "Perhaps you'd better send out another letter, and don't forget the square."  
The letters were dispatched and the subscriptions came rolling in, to the vicar's great satisfaction. He received a nice cheque from the square together with a letter which ran:—  
"Dear Vicar, Please tell your new churchwarden that 'lousy' is not spelt with a 'w'."

**THE BIDDING**  
North East South West  
3 no-trump Pass Pass Pass  
West properly opened the top of his interior sequence, namely, the heart 10. East went up with the king which, of course, held the trick, and returned the heart jack. Declarer, correctly analysing that there was nothing to be gained by covering, and hoping against hope that West had started with a long suit headed by the ace, refused to cover the jack and, after that, the defence was up the creek. East could make no return that would even faintly embarrass declarer. His actual choice of a club was as good as any. Declarer's ten spot held, the diamond ace cashed, and the diamond finesse was taken and lost of East's queen. Now, since East was out of hearts, declarer could claim his contract with four diamonds, three clubs, and two spades.  
East lost no time in pointing out to declarer, "How disgusting—how disgusting—how disgusting—the heart suit blocked. South, an amiable and not too expert player, cheerfully agreed. A kibitzer, however, with that finchiness so characteristic of all kibitzers, took it upon himself to put East in his place. "South was lucky, all right," he said, "but part of his luck was in having you on defence. If you had put up the heart jack instead of the king on the first trick, he would not have reached first base."  
And, as will be seen by a close study of the cards, the kibitzer was right! If East had played the heart jack, declarer never could have visualised the true situation and, since there was a good chance that he would be able to run the diamond suit without loss, would have been forced to accept his heart queen at the first trick. As the cards lay, of course,

## WHAT THE GERMAN ARMY EATS

**FAMINE** may stalk over Europe, but the German soldier apparently remains well fed. Recent articles in German newspapers, inspired undoubtedly by official sources, extol in most enthusiastic terms the virtues of the army ration.

Propaganda they may be, but the fact remains that the German soldier has given a remarkable exhibition of human endurance in campaign; and without adequate and well-balanced rations his performance would never have been possible. To be able to fight, men still must eat.

In Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France German foot soldiers marched day after day, covering 25 to 30 miles in 24 hours in all kinds of weather and over varied terrain, with little or no rest, and arrived at their destination ready to do the prescribed job.

Word got around that the Germans were using drugs in the form of anti-fatigue tablets. If there are such pills no mention has been made of them in the German newspapers, but an analysis of the ration throws some light on the German soldier's ability to perform.

To the lowly soybean, the German High Command attributes a great deal of the success of the army ration. The basic components of canned meat and sausage which featured the World War era have been replaced by an ersatz known as "Lalsolaj".

Lalsolaj is a soybean flour with a high protein content of 40 to 45 per cent, and fat and carbohydrates. The flour is added to soups, bread, pastry and macaroni. The soldier thus is supposed to get his balanced needs of protein, fat and mineral salts without the use of meat, milk or eggs.

The savings in bulk tend to simplify the problems of packing and transporting. The German soldier can carry in his haversack a three-day ration of soybeans, and reserves are not difficult to deliver. In the event of a shortage, the German Army fell upon the idea of converting food forms so as to make possible their packing in other containers. As a result, the soldier now gets his tomatoes, cheese, jam and applesauce in powder form.

When cheese powder, for instance, is poured into a pail and mixed with cold water, it is said that it emerges in solid form which can be cut in the usual way. Applesauce plus cold water makes applesauce.



**THE ARMY'S NEW STRETCHER:** A new multi-purpose stretcher has been adopted for use by the Army. It can be used as a stretcher on wheels, an operating table or for artificial respiration. When tilted up and down it has the same function as an iron lung. (Photo shows a patient, who is strapped on, being tilted. (War Office Photo).)

Another substitute for meat that is used in the German Army, known as "Bratlings," is derived from raw materials such as vegetable and animal albumin. Added to cabbage rolls, meat balls or chopped meat dishes, it tastes like meat and satisfies the appetite, the Germans claim.

The predilection for powders is carried to Bratlings. There is a Bratling powder, a mixture of soybean, grain and milk albumins spiced with herbs which may be added to other dishes. By varying the condiments, new flavours can be developed. The Germans claim that "the albumin, fat and carbohydrate content of Bratling powder is so nourishing that it has proved far cheaper than other vegetable and animal foods."

The German military diet is not entirely without meat, but what there is of it is made to go a long way. Meat has been made to go further by the addition of germinal grain, especially to sausage. For fortifying grain and its juices, a high vitamin content is claimed. Sausages are "stretched" during grinding by the addition of artificially germinated soybeans and rye grains.

The Germans claim also that they have developed pure vitamin C which they use in candies as an anti-scorbutic. To assure a regulated apportionment, small fractions of the acid are twice worked into candies with dextrose, fat and whey.

The demands for fresh vegetables in the field by the Germans have tried to meet with issues of vegetable juices. There is spinach juice, and cabbage juice (and others) which are made into a dough or paste and served to the troops as spinach or cabbage noodles. Tomato is issued as puree, pulp or powder and is adapted to a variety of uses.

Dehydrated cabbage, carrots and spinach also are compressed into brick form and issued as

dried vegetables. Sauerkraut, dried and compressed into cubes, is found in every army kitchen; and the traditional love for it has not been diminished under the administration of the Third Reich. American quick freezing methods are extensively used for meats, fruits and vegetables, and the German military authorities are lavish in their praise of the system, especially as a means of preserving vitamins.

Faced with the likelihood of shortages of meat, the German Army has made special effort to protect it in transport. Meat is packed already roasted or cooked. Fork hocks and chops are packed in corrugated cardboard boxes. The cartons then are compressed to double shoe-box size and the contents are frozen gradually.

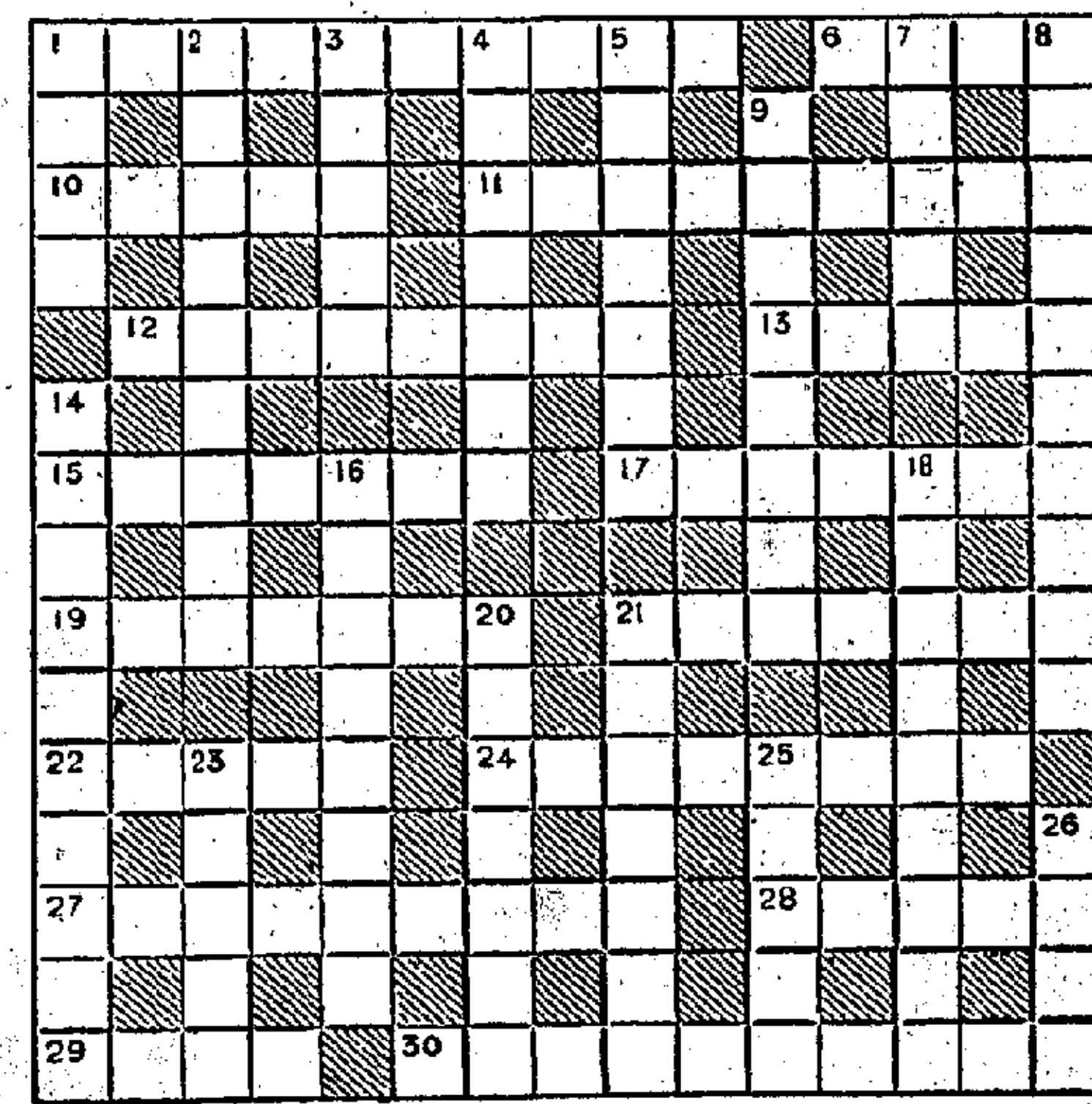
Under favourable conditions, it is claimed that these products will stand journeys of five to six days without refrigeration, and can be kept frozen for years. In addition, it is said that the changes in packing have effected a saving of 400 per cent in space.

The "Pemmikan-Landjaeger," as it is technically called, contains smoked meat, bacon, soybean flour, dried fruits, whey, tomato pulp, yeast, green pepper, cranberries and lecithin—all substances necessary for building up the body, including carbohydrates, protein, fat, and mineral salts.

The Germans also have developed a product containing dextrose, whey, milk, fat and vitamin C, which was issued to the troops in Norway under the designation of "V-groups."

The German ration is not one that an American soldier would relish and perhaps does not satisfy the palate.

## SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
1. A banding together for no good (10).
  2. Mine approach (4).
  3. The spigram's is in its tail (5).
  4. A 10 is an unpleasant this (9).
  5. Tibia (4-4).
  6. To take French this rouses suspicion (5).
  7. Who broke no, serv'd no private end? (Pope) (7).
  8. Ill-fated Atlantic liner (7).
  9. Commotion modified at sea by its own end (7).
  10. Bright metal ornament (7).
  11. Collectively plants make goddess (5).
  12. I am at inn to carry on (8).
  13. Birds of the corn-fields (8).
  14. Musical drama (5).
  15. Measure of house without garden (4).
  16. Total sums (10).
- DOWN**
1. It holds a lot of liquor (4).
  2. He lives close by (9).
  3. A sucked in a creed outworn? (Wordsworth) (5).
  4. Give back (7).
  5. Its inmates live secluded lives (7).
  6. River of Russia (5).

- 8. Nice end set for inclinations (10).**  
**9. Vehicle, destiny, thanks for Italian girl (8).**  
**10. Pulley fits (anag.) (10).**  
**11. May be form of worship of 3 (8).**  
**12. Cereless (9).**  
**13. Such verse does not run easily (7).**  
**14. Cut with two blades (7).**  
**15. Some property or other is his (5).**  
**16. Do not fail to move on! (4).**

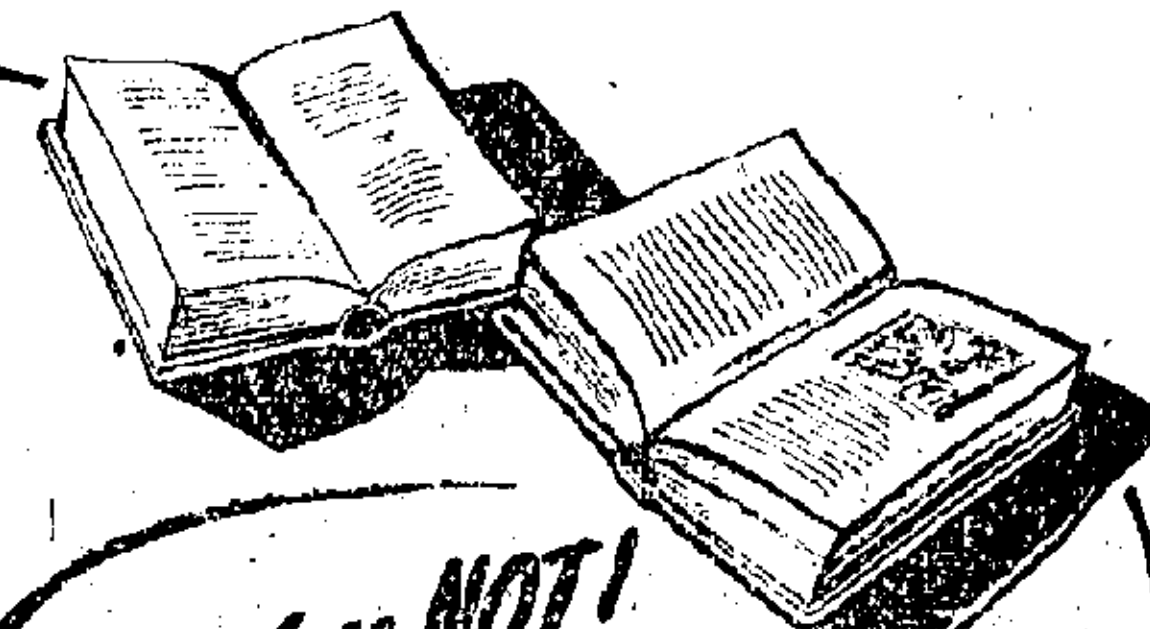
**SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD**

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## AMAH WAS NOT TO BLAME

**WHY HAVE YOU DRESSED THE CHILDREN SO EARLY FOR THE PARTY? THEY WILL BE HOT AND UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN THE CAR COMES ROUND TO FETCH THEM.**

**HEM SAID HAVE THEM READY 3.30, ITS JUST WHAT I DO. I DO AS ALWAYS. I DO AS ALWAYS. PLEASE LET ME GO AT THE END OF THE MONTH.**

**I HEAR AMAH IS LEAVING. WHAT HAS HAPPENED? TWO TIME, SHE HAS BEEN WITH US FOR YEARS, MY DEAR. THE CHILDREN SIMPLY LOVE HER.**

**I CAN'T STAND OBSTINATE SERVANTS. RUNNING THE HOUSE EXHAUSTS ME. I SIMPLY CAN'T TROW ON THIS DEPRESSING TIERED FEELING, AND ITS TOO MUCH TO PUT UP WITH AMAH'S CONTINUOUS CONTRADICTIONS.**

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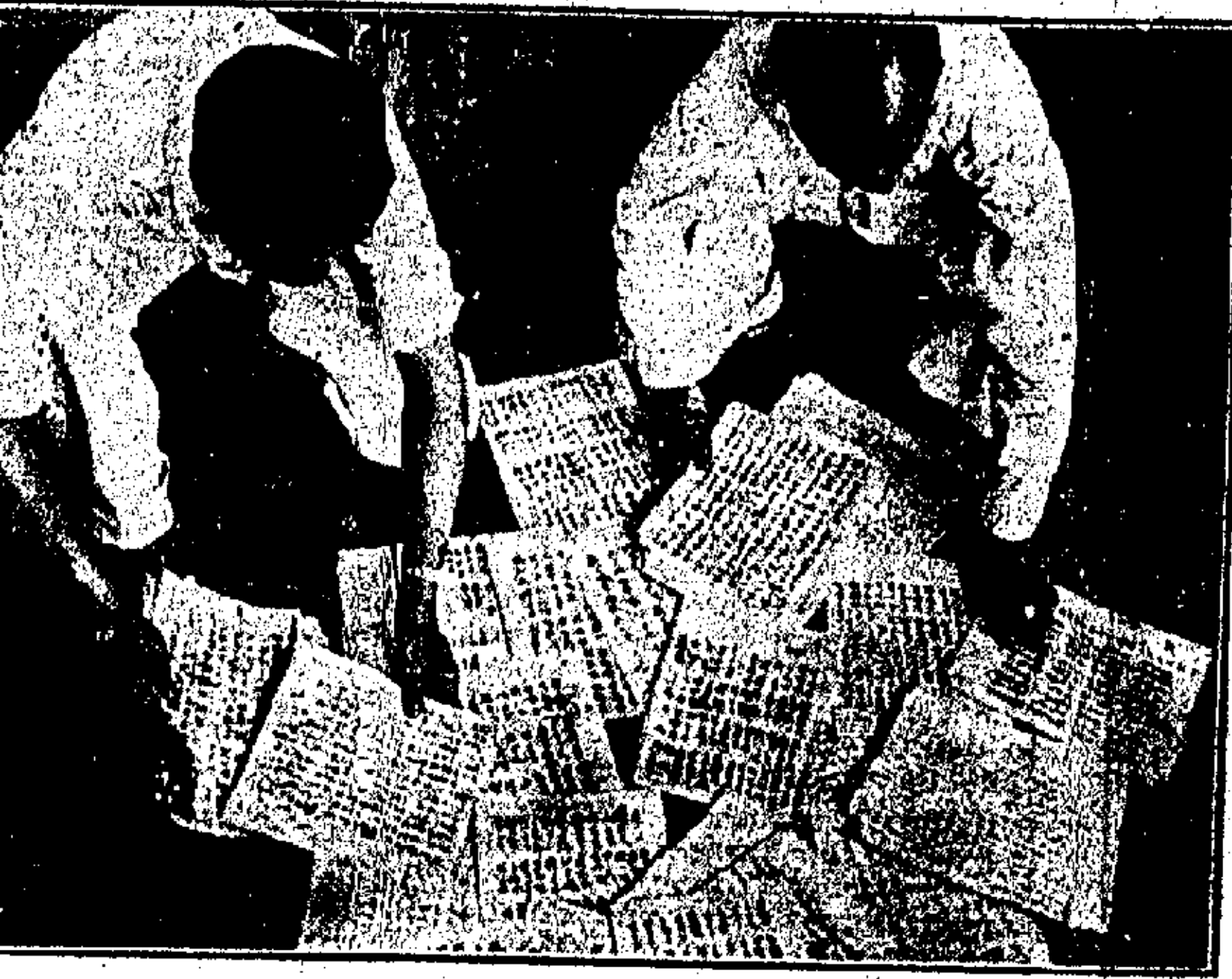
**IN SICKNESS AND CONVALESCENCE OR WHEN YOU FEEL TIRED OR LISTLESS**

**take HORLICKS**

**IT GUARDS AGAINST NIGHT STARVATION. YOU WILL SLEEP SOUNDLY, WAKE REFRESHED, AND REBUILD YOUR ENERGY.**



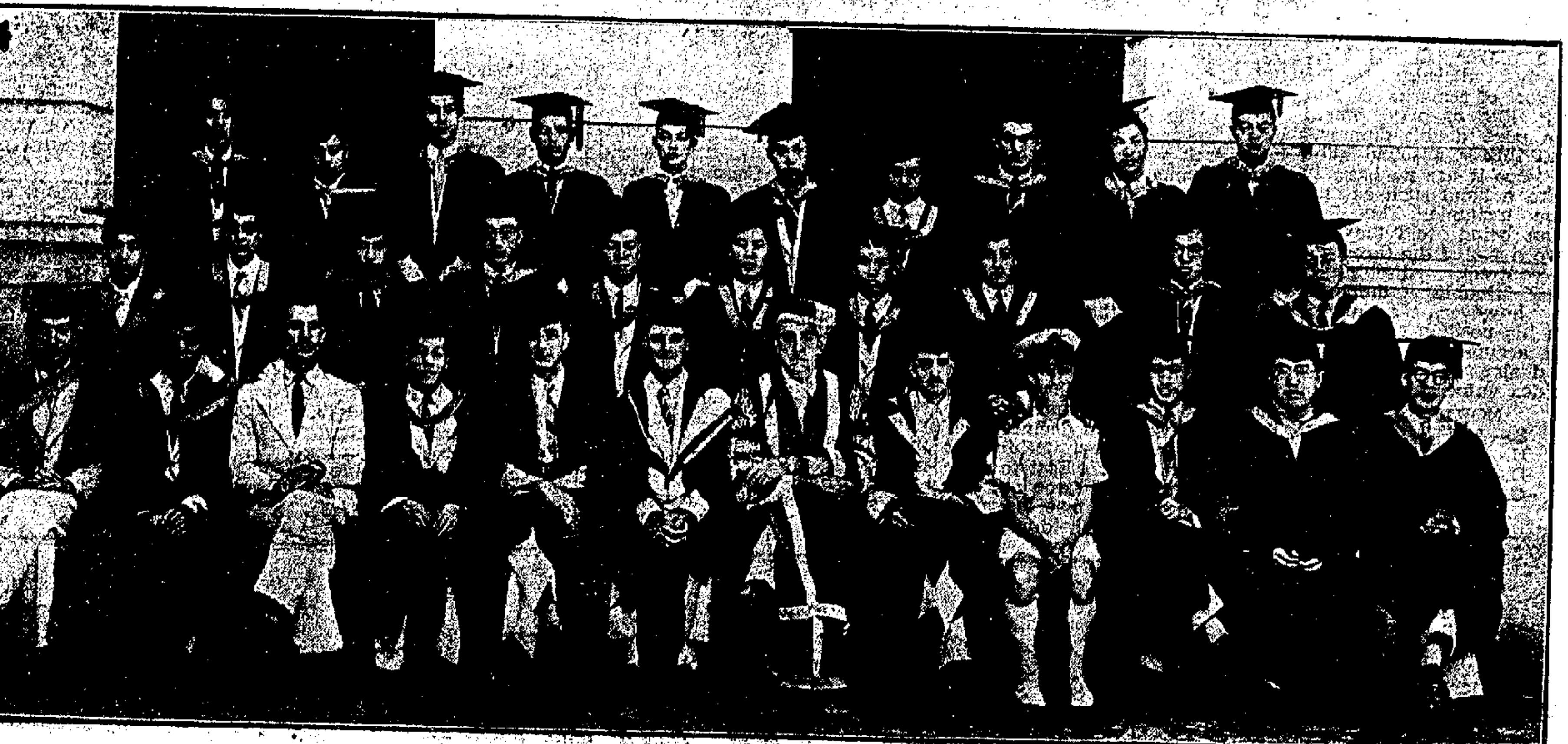
## FROM HERE AND THERE



hundred thousand Hong Kong Chinese, representing the youth of the Colony, have signed their names to a letter which will be sent to President Roosevelt on June 17, in gratitude for the recent "China Week" held in the United States. Our photograph at left shows the signatories being inspected and joined together to make one large copy, while at right is the committee who organized the move. They are from left to right (front row): Mr. K. H. O'Young, University Students' Union, Miss Mai Chia-tung, Chinese Y.W.C.A., Hong Kong, and Mr. Lam Tai Ling, Hong Kong Students Relief Association; (back row): Mr. Fung Sze Min, Chinese Youth League, Hong Kong, Mr. Mo Mok Ki, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong and Mr. Sunny Tai, Chinese Youth League, Hong Kong. (New China News Photos).



Group photograph of Hong Kong University's medical graduates of 1941. (A. Fong).



This year's engineering graduates of Hong Kong University. (A. Fong).

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## POTPOURRI

An Accumulation of Interesting and Humorous Odds and Ends Noted in the Month's Reading.

"The typical successful American businessman," said the late Don Marquis, "was born in the city, where he worked like a dog, where he could live in the city, where he worked like hell so he could live in the country." — J. P. McEvoy in *Saturday Evening Post*, Philadelphia.

The forms that are filled out for children evacuees are usually anything but funny. But, now and again, humour does creep in as in the case of Brian, of Irish parentage, whose mother's punctuation was sadly lacking: "I have just had another son making 3 sons owing to my husband's work (night work) leaves me left with three children." — *Picture Post*, London.

An impetuous friend of ours went up to Canada last week, with the intention of enlisting in the Canadian Army. The recruiting officers were receptive to the idea, but said that the official O.K. might be delayed for some time. The way it was finally left, our friend returned to New York, to wait for word from Canada. However, because of our neutrality, the notification is going to have to be disguised. The recruiting officer will, if all goes well, send him a picture postcard of the Mount Royal with this message: "Weather lovely and cool. Won't you join us?" — *New Yorker*.

Midtown Vignette: It happened at Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street Friday night. One of those birds was popping off about everything. "Down with Roosevelt!" he shouted, and nobody bothered to turn around. "Down with Wall Street!" he bellowed, and nobody touched him. Finally, he said: "The Brooklyn Dodgers stink!" — and somebody slugged him. — *WALTER WINCHELL*.



A snapshot from Sydney, Australia, of Pauline Strange, daughter of Mr. H. E. Strange, of the Colonial Secretariat, who is attending the Maria College, Manly.



Mrs. H. E. Strange and Mrs. F. Strange strolling in the bright sunshine of Sydney, with Sydney's famous bridge making an imposing background.

## A SHORT STORY FROM OLD LATVIA THE LETTER

WHEN I met Marta for the first time she was on the wrong side of forty and terribly ugly. Her face looked as if a clumsy artist had carved it with a blunt knife from too hard wood, struggling vainly with the thick nose, the square chin, the high cheekbones and the large mouth. The dark blue eyes, shaded by black lashes, might have been beautiful but for their expression—a hungry, greedy, eternally waiting look.

All the same it seemed strange that Marta had never married. A peasant girl, orphaned early, with a nice farm, eight cows, two horses, and a big poultry yard, hardly ever remained a spinster in the countryside of old Latvia, where marriages were often arranged not between a boy and a girl, but between farm and farm. But Marta had not cared to marry. The old women in the village whispered behind their hands about a love story, twenty or more years ago, about a good-looking and good-for-nothing young Russian labourer who had come here, as so many did, for the potato harvest.

"He did make a fool of her," said an old woman, grinning toothlessly and spitefully. "They became engaged and were to be married next Michaelmas. But Boris wanted to 'go to America' first. He had rich relations over there, he said, and if they knew he was making a good match, they would give him money, and then he and Marta might buy the three neighbouring fields or, maybe, the mill, the miller growing old and helpless. Marta did not care much about either the fields or the mill, but Boris insisted and she could never say no to him." The old hag coughed, and spat out the sunflower seed she had been chewing. Then she went on, delighted to have found someone who did not know the story: "Boris said he must have money, he could not turn up as a pauper. And Marta sold two fields and five cows and her gold chain and the bridal jew's her grand-mother had worn. Boris pocketed the lot, and drinking in the village inn with the other boys, he laughed and mocked at ugly Marta, who believed in what he said. After the potato harvest he stayed at the farm over winter, living like a lord on the fat of the land. In spring he went away and never came back. Since that time Marta hardly talks to anyone; she works her farm and waits for Boris to come back, the old fool."

Perhaps Marta suddenly felt that she must talk to someone, perhaps it was easier to confide her story to a perfect stranger. Whatever the reason may have been, she stopped me one day as I rode past her farm and asked me to come in and drink a glass of milk. Her blue eyes scrutinised me; she hesitated, took a deep breath, and said: "You'll probably have heard all kinds of gossip about me. But you must not believe all they say in the village. He has not deserted me. He'll come back."

She got up, a bit heavily, like a woman feeling the burden of approaching age, and stooped over a big, gaudily painted chest, she opened it and took out a faded paper, a letter. It was dated many years back and had come from Brooklyn. "He wrote me this letter," said Marta, her roughened hands tenderly holding the yellowed paper. "He wrote to me. Dear words, loving words. He put his whole heart into his letter." She looked at me again. Then suddenly coming to a decision, she said: "Of course, I know it's a love letter. All the same I should like to know exactly what he has written. I want to know every tender word, every affectionate sentence, and when he is coming back to be master on my farm."

I must have looked blank, for Marta added hastily: "You know I can't read, never learnt it. And there is no one whom I could trust with the letter. All the women in the village hate me because the best-looking boy was my lover, and the men hate me because I wouldn't marry any of them, knowing full well that they only wanted my farm. So I kept the letter unread. But I often take it out of the chest and try to imagine what is written there. But if you would read it to me I should be very glad." I took the letter. The writing was uneducated, almost illegible. I wanted to read the letter through before reading it to Marta. She sat beside me with a tense expression on her face, the greedy, waiting eyes watching me. I read the letter once, twice, three times. A shiver ran along my spine and I felt giddy. The man must have been drunk when he wrote the letter, and, being drunk, he revealed a brutality, a cruelty I had never imagined could exist. The whole letter was one sneer at the ugly fool who had believed in his love-making. The writer simply wallowed in coarse details, not leaving out one single ridiculous feature. He laughed at Marta's beetling eyebrows, "like pig's bristles"; her bony figure, "a scarecrow in winter"; her large mouth like a toad's. Then, having insulted Marta's poor face and figure, he wrote gloatingly about the lovely American girl sitting beside him, dainty, pink and white, smelling as sweet as lilac in spring. He told Marta how the girl had laughed when he told her about the fool of a woman who had given him money for the passage and for a life in this glorious country where all women were beautiful.

"What does he say?" asked the hard voice, hoarse with emotion. "Why don't you read? What are you waiting for?" "I lied. What else could I do? With trembling hands and a lump in my throat I told her that Boris was always thinking of her, of her kindness, of the happy time they had had together. He was, I lied, longing to return to her and would be back one day, when she was least expecting it, to hold his dear love fast for ever, and never to leave her. At first lying was not easy; pity and disgust made me feel cold and sick. But after the first few sentences I began to lie wildly, passionately, using all my imagination and all that I remembered of famous love-letters I had ever read. At last I put the letter on the rough deal table. Marta put out her hand for it. She looked like a wooden figure which a miracle has called to life. The ugly woman had not only come alive, she had grown beautiful, with the strange beauty happiness can give. "He wrote all that!" she whispered. "All that? So many sweet words? So much love?" She sighed. "And to think I can't read it myself. Why didn't I learn to read? Show me on which page he writes that he is longing for me. At where he writes he will return a when I least expect it." I showed her some lines on the

All the women in the village hated the ugly Marta because she had the best-looking lover. When he went away to America, a letter came from him—a letter that was left unread for several years.

She fell silent, dreaming, her eyes filled with happiness. She never noticed that I slunk away as if I had committed a crime.

From that day I never rode past Marta's farm, fearing she might ask me to read the letter again. I might say something I had not said the first time and she grow suspicious. But I knew from the giggling old women in the village that Marta drove to the schoolhouse every day and spent an hour with the school master.

"She's learning to read," said the women, laughing. "Learning to read at her age. Does she think of becoming a lady? She's bought a big book like children have, and she sits on the bench before her house, the book on her knees, saying out loud: A-B-C. C-A-T. It makes one die of laughing."

And they laughed the senseless circle of cruelty. I rather felt it might make one want to cry and cry with pity, with fear.

Once, going for a walk, I lost my way and found myself in the big maple wood behind Marta's farm. Autumn had come, a sharp tang was in the air, coming from the sea. I hid behind trees and underbrush and crept on noiselessly. Suddenly a voice stopped me, a hard, hoarse voice, repeating words devoutly, like a prayer: "House... Farm... Dog... Cow..."

Such simple, homely, kindly words, and yet they were paving the way which one day would lead a human being out of Paradise and straight into hell. The voice went on: "Prayer... God..."

God! Oh, if only He would send lightning from heaven and kill Marta before she was able to read the letter, the cruel, heartless, His mercy would let her become blind so that her greedy, waiting eyes would never be able to see a word.

Autumn grew old and grim. Storms swept over the plains. The moan of the sea became ever louder; trembling, naked trees stretched out their arms as if crying for help. The red maple leaves made a royal carpet on the ground. Then came the snow, covering everything, bringing on unearthly purity, changing the sudden autumn misery into a white world. One night, two days before Christmas, the white world became crimson. Flames shot up, lighting up the maple wood, near which a terrible fire was raging. The men from the village and the labourers from the nearby estate came in crowds to fight the fire. The red glare dancing over the white snow showed them the way. When they reached Marta's property the whole farm was burning. The tale, blowing from the north, threw sheets of fire on everything around. The cows loved in the stables, the horses had kicked themselves loose, and were racing, crazed with fear, away from the flames, out on the white plain. Before the burning house stood a woman, her streaming grey hair framing a distorted face and mad eyes. She was laughing, and her laughter sounded above the howling of the cows and the crackling of burning wood. She stood there and laughed and laughed. Marta had read the letter.